LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1163955

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06548122
Registered	2015-10-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS (OBJECTS) ARE:3.1 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE LEARNING DISABLED COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES;3.2 TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY WORKING WITH PEOPLE IN THE LEARNING DISABLED COMMUNITY TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE AND ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND EDUCATION FACILITIES SO THAT SUCH PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY WITHIN THE WIDER COMMUNITY; 3.3 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ORDER TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES FACING PERSONS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES;3.4 TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; 3.5 TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ARTS;3.6 TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF PEOPLE, PRIMARILY BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES, SUPPORT AND SERVICES NOT NORMALLY PROVIDED BY THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON EXERCISE, NUTRITION AND FITNESS; AND3.7 SUCH OTHER EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF CHARITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

Activities: Liberdade is an arts and social enterprise organisation that makes a positive difference to the lives of people with learning disabilities in the north east of England

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham
- Gateshead
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£699,367	£1,192,740	£2,942,454	36
2024-03-31	£2,565,733	£620,269	£3,097,336	26
2023-03-31	£1,448,216	£771,550	£1,151,872	23
2022-03-31	£484,623	£645,289	-	-
2021-03-31	£714,295	£479,247	£614,296	18

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMY LOUISE GOLDING		2015-10-05
Duncan Sellers		2025-10-16
Edward Johnson Denham		2022-04-04
Helen Bramall		2026-04-09
Helen Walkinshaw		2024-06-13
Joanne Blackett		2023-12-12
Kelly Rhys Jones		2023-12-12
Lorna Snowball		2023-12-14
Michael Trobe		2026-04-09

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1163955

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(A company limited by guarantee)

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	S Peace	(Resigned 12 April 2025)
	A L Golding	
	N Forrest	
	S Ripley	
	E J Denham	
	M A Geffre	
	J Blackett	
	K Rhys-Jones	
	L Snowball	
	H Walkinshaw	(Appointed 13 June 2024)
	D Sellers	(Appointed 31 October 2025)
Company Registration Number	06548122 (England & Wales)	
Charity Registration Number	1163955	
Registered office	Gosforth Civic Theatre Regent Farm Road Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3HD	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc London 63 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3JW	
Solicitors	Muckle LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4SN	
Auditors	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ	

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Liberdade's mission is 'To raise everyone's expectations about what people with learning disabilities (pwld) can achieve'. We raise our own expectations and the expectations of society in general.

We are the only theatre founded and guided by people with learning disabilities in the UK.

- Our work deliberately sets out to challenge the prejudice in society about learning disabled people and the contribution they can make.
- Setting high standards for the quality of work and the way we achieve it is central to the way we operate.
- Creating opportunities for learning disabled people and the wider community to spend time together is central to our approach.
- We believe our work leads to greater equality, quality of life and improved health and wellbeing for learning disabled people and the wider community.

"There is no-where else like GCT. I don't know any other venue that brings people with and without disabilities together as equals to run a venue that is truly owned by all the community."- Curious Monkey - Partner Organisation

Liberdade (*Lib – er – dar – jie)* has a soul, it cares for people and pushes them to excel, it always goes above and beyond and doesn't know the meaning of can't. People with learning disabilities come to Liberdade to work, to train others, to expel old misconceptions but mostly to belong.

We work by using the arts and Gosforth Civic Theatre as tools for change. The change happens both within our participants and society as a whole, we use the process of performing, working, and being a member of a company as a mechanism for personal and social development.

What we do
We deliver training and provide opportunities for young people and adults with learning disabilities. The training covers: performing arts; health and wellbeing; sport; employment skills and more. The opportunities we provide include work experience; community engagement; volunteering; and performing in front of a public audience. We also share our learning by publishing detailed information on our organisational development, and partner with a large number of other organisations and Individuals.

We take part in regional, national and international events representing the learning disabled community and have set up and supported new organisatations to create further opportunities for people with learning disabilities across the region.

In 2016 we took on an asset via a community asset transfer, Gosforth Civic Theatre is an arts venue that is open to all.

Historically society has created places for people with learning disabilities to go, at Gosforth Civic Theatre, people with learning disabilities have created a place for everyone to come together.

"We wanted to provide something for the community instead of it being the other way around, here people can see that we've got skills, that we can be useful" Ed (founding company member)

Gosforth Civic Theatre is an amazing place where a group of people with learning disabilities are bringing the local community together to generate understanding, creativity, and change. We believe that if you bring people together in a positive and creative way then the barriers that can exist in communities are overcome.

Artistic values

Producing performance platform events, performing, and creating films enables our members to have a collective voice. It instils confidence and creativity, it promotes valuable life and work skills but most importantly it promotes social value.

Our working practices have always strived for social change by raising our own expectations, those of our artists with a learning disability and members of the public we engage with. Using this very simple model we aim to demonstrate to society that people with learning disabilities are able, skilled and valuable members of a community whilst breaking down old misconceptions that hinder progress.

We use commonality in the creation of our artistic work to build connections between our performers and their audiences, we also use humor in our performances to further break down barriers.

External context - summary of major changes

We successfully completed the £2.5 million capital development project of Gosforth Civic Theatre in March 2024. FY 24/25 has been focused on settling back into the building and navigating the challenging financial climate. The increases to employment costs, the National Minimum Wage and increasing costs of utilities and materials is a challenge, alongside a competitive funding environment and continued increased expenditure in most areas. We have responded to this by pivoting to a new business model, which focuses on diversifying income streams across the organisation to ensure long-term sustainability.

Internal context – summary of major issues

This year we have focused on organisational development and diversifying income streams. We have begun working with a Senior Fundraiser, who will support us in increasing philanthropic income from key areas such as individual giving (including high net worth individuals), corporate partnerships and community campaigns. We have also worked to ensure increased earned income (ticket sales, café, private hires). Cost management across the organisation remains a priority. We are also increasingly aware of the need to demonstrate our social impact to our stakeholders more effectively and have begun to explore how we might further develop our social impact framework for reporting.

Public benefit
In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "public benefit: running a charity (PB2)". We endeavour to encourage all within our community to take part in our activities and to attend our theatre and workshops.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regards to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year we have focused on the following:

- We have developed our Youth Dance Pathway for young dancers and were delighted when GCT Youth Dancer, Jack, was awarded a place in the National Youth Dance Company (NYDC) 2025/26 cohort. Jack is one of 32 dancers selected from over 300 applications across England. GCT's nationally recognised Youth Dance Pathway reaches over 100 young people with learning disabilities and autism annually. All strands lead to live performances at our annual platforms — Freedom Moving, and Engage.
- We were pleased to launch our Summer School for 7-16 year olds – designed to support young people in our community to develop skills including dance, drama and sport.
- We continued the development of our Youth Board, which was launched in 2023. The Youth Board is designed for young people aged between 15-18. We will also be working towards our first youth performance platform event, 'Freedom Creative' which will take place in June 2025.
- In February 2024 we launched our work placement programme. We have now trained 7 young people through the programme. As a direct result of the work placement, trainee Lucy has secured a job with Newcastle Council as a SEND Youth voice trainee. Lucy continues to volunteer for evening events.
- We have created the new iteration of our Theory of Change from 2025 – 2030. We worked with our Beneficiaries, Board of Trustees, Staff and community to create this document, which outlines key intermediate outcomes that we will focus on including continued organisational development, financial sustainability and artistic and community development.
- In May 2025 we recruited a new Senior Fundraiser, who will work on increasing earned income in three key areas: from our community, individuals and business.
- We have increased our ability to increase sales revenue through recruiting a full time Marketing apprentice.
- Our programming and two annual Festivals attract over 15k audience members each year.
- Successfully moved to a new Ticketing system, Ticketsolve, which has allowed us to better understand our customers, provide a more efficient marketing and reporting solution, and create a more seamless experience. This will also allow us to introduce more ways for our customers and patrons to support us, such as a better donation platform, membership schemes, vouchers, and multi-buy discounts.
- We have continued to provide existing company members with opportunities to volunteer at cultural events at GCT. In addition, our Gaming Social weekly activity offers a safe space for young people to connect and has five young autistic people volunteering.
- We delivered all our platform events planned throughout the year at GCT, namely 'Freedom Moving', our open regional SEND dance platform, 'Engage', our community performance platform and 'Freedom Creative; our youth performance platform which are all designed to bring people to together.
- We have increased our links with local organisations. This will support us to increase revenue but also create meaningful partnerships with local community groups.
- We ran a total of 696 events and activities in the year: 105 cultural events, 57 private events, 247 community activities, and 287 SEND sessions with a total 19,345 attendees and over 31,850 visits to our café (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025).
- We continued to maintain and develop successful partnerships with regional and national organisations, these included: Working relationships with Mortal Fools, Curious Arts, Unfolding theatre, National Youth Agency and Tin Arts. We have also participated in networks including, NEIDN, Future Art Centers, North East Culture Social, Venues North, Youth Investment Fund, and Locality.

<u>Our income streams</u>

We generated earned income in a number of different ways, these were:

- Services delivered to people with learning disabilities
- Café and Bar sales
- Ticket Sales
- Space rental and Events
- Donations, including from individuals, corporates and communities as well as from ticket-top ups through our new ticketing platform.
- Grant and trust funding

In October 2024 we began working with a Senior Fundraising Consultant who supported our successful Big Give Arts for Impact Campaign in March 2024, which raised a total of £12,870. Our goal is to diversify our income streams as funding from grants and trusts remains challenging. We have developed our new paid-for Membership schemes, which will launch on 1st May 2025. Our target is to attract 80 new members in the first year, which will generate over £6,000 in fundraised income. In 2025/26 we will launch a new Business Partnership programme as well as explore new opportunities such as paid for advertising in our What's On Guide and fundraising events.

The current programmes and activities we deliver for our core beneficiaries

Dance Outreach
These are arts, participatory and learning projects delivered in local SEND Schools and Colleges with young people aged 12-24. The projects are usually 10 weeks long and provide opportunities for young people to create and perform artistic work. They include fun creative classes which introduce learners to dance technique and choreography. Learners are encouraged to be creative and work towards creating a performance piece.

Contemporary Dance and Youth Dance
Our Contemporary Dance Class is open to young people who enjoy dance. Liberdade Youth Dance is for young people who have participated in Outreach projects and want to continue their interest outside of school. Both activities are for young people aged 16 to 24 years and offer: Weekly dance technique classes with learners from local SEND Schools and Colleges who are committed to developing their skills; Opportunities for those in Youth Dance to create higher level performance work.

Skills Development
This programme is designed for young people aged 18-25 years who have participated in Liberdade Youth Dance and want to develop further, and for School and College leavers who have participated in dance elsewhere. It offers: Dance technique class - training in strength and flexibility, developing coordination and discipline; Creative tasks – learning to use bodies to express narrative, feelings and emotions, working together as a team; Choreography – making group decisions about themes and narratives to develop a dance/performance project, taking direction, inputting ideas and giving direction.

Performance Ensemble
This programme is for young people aged 20+ who have completed the Skills Development programme and have shown commitment and potential to further their performance career. It includes: Professional level classes in technique, creative tasks and choreography.

Health and Wellbeing
These programmes for 18-30's and 30+ are designed to support participants to lead a healthy lifestyle. They involve changing eating and exercise behaviors in a fun and engaging way with support & encouragement from others. They include: Helping each individual to find the right balance; Learning about how well and often participants move compared to how much and what they eat; Learning about food and discovering how what is eaten affects feelings; Learning about healthy meals; Exploring new ways to get & keep fit; Using local facilities to try new activities and work with fitness professionals; Setting personal goals; Doing meditation and improving emotional well-being through stress management and mindfulness.

GCT Gaming Social
Our super-relaxed gaming social is somewhere young people are welcome to come along, game, play, and socialise through their love and passion for all things video game.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Policy on reserves

The calculation of free reserves is based on the definition included in the charity statement of recommended practice (SORP), which provides recommendations for accounting and reporting for charities. The trustees have examined the requirements of the charity to hold free reserves those - reserves not invested in tangible fixed assets, excluding long term liabilities, or designated for a particular purpose. The Trustees considered it would be appropriate to hold the equivalent of three months expenditure, which would equate to holding between £130,000 and £160,000 in free reserves.

At the year end free reserves were reported as £8,297 (2024: £159,870) a decrease of £151,573 in the year. Note 22 – Analysis of net assets between funds gives the detail of the movement of free reserves.

The Trustees recognise the need to build the free reserves back to their desired minimum holding level and are committed to working towards this over the next 5 years. The Board and key management are actively exploring new sources of funding and other areas of income as part of this commitment.

Key Management Personnel

The board, who give their time freely and no trustees received remuneration in the year, have considered who the Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the charity, as noted in the Reference and Administration section. Together with the board, these KMP are those in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the activities of the charity on a day to day basis. The pay of the KMP is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The trustees benchmark against pay levels of other charities and similar organisations within the sector and the region. Pay levels are set using this information together with the budget and forecast information, ensuring that the charity can afford any proposed increases. The board then agree any uplift to remuneration.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Liberdade Community Development Trust is a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital, governed by its articles of association dated 05/10/2015. Prior to this the organisation was known as Liberdade North East CIC and was a community interest company also limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

Membership of Liberdade

We have increased the diversity of our board this year by recruiting new trustees with lived experience of a learning disability, and lived experience of being part of the LGBTQ+ community. We have recruited a new member to the board this year with experience in fundraising events and philanthropy which will support our fundraising strategy.

There are a number of skills we are looking for which can strengthen our Board and enable us to continue our plans for the future. This includes Facilities Management (arts/hospitality). Although we have good skills within our staff team we would like to find a trustee who can bring facilities management skills to the board.

a. Persons who wish to become members of the Charity must apply for membership in a manner approved by the Trustees and the application must then be approved by the Trustees, who have in their absolute discretion to decline it and need not give reasons for doing so.

b. The Trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of any elected Members.

c. The Trustees may make rules which establish different classes of membership with different rights and obligations, these shall be recorded in the register of Members

d. Membership shall terminate if, the Member dies, is convicted of a criminal offence, resigns, is in arrears to the Charity or the Trustees decide to terminate as in the best interests of the Charity.

The Role of the Board

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Charity, and has overall legal responsibility for all that the Charity does. Members of the Board are the Trustees of the Charity.
The Board meets at least four times a year, but will meet more frequently as required.

Trustees Responsibilities

Trustees have ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and is delivering the charitable outcomes for which it has been set up.
There are three key duties as specified by the Charity Commission:

Duty of Compliance – Trustees must ensure the charity complies with all relevant laws and regulations, including charity law. They must ensure that Liberdade CDT does not breach any of the requirements set out in the Articles of Association and that it remains true to the charitable purpose and objects set out.

Trustees must also act with integrity, and avoid any personal conflicts of interest of misuse of charity funds or assets.

Duty of Prudence – Trustees must ensure that the charity is and will remain solvent. They should use charitable funds and assets reasonably, and only in furtherance of Liberdade CDT objects. They should avoid undertaking activities that might place the charities funds, assets or reputation at undue risk and take special care when investing the funds of the charity, or borrowing funds for the charity to use.

Duty of Care – Trustees must use reasonable care and skill in their work as trustees, using their personal skills and experience as needed to ensure that the charity is well-run and efficient and consider getting external professional
advice on all matters where there may be material risk to the charity, or where the trustees may be in breach of their duties.

These duties are explained further in the Charity Commission Publication CC3,
The Essential Trustee. It can be read in full at (http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc3.aspx)

The Board may establish committees, advisory councils or working groups as appropriate to help it to fulfil its remit.

Membership of the Board

The minimum size of the Board is 3 and the maximum is 13

The Trustees shall use all reasonable endeavours to facilitate the creation of an informal group of service users of the Charity. The Trustees shall ensure that the views of such group are reported back to the Trustees on a regular basis, as they shall determine.

The first Trustees shall be those persons named in the statement delivered pursuant to Section 12(1) of CA 2006 who shall be deemed to have been appointed under the Articles of Association. Future Trustees shall be appointed as provided below.

A Trustee may not appoint an alternate director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of Trustees.

Eligibility to be a Trustee - Any person who is eligible to act as a Trustee may be appointed to be a Trustee by the existing Trustees.

No person may be appointed as a Trustee, unless he or she is a Member of the Charity and is in support of the Objects, and that person is willing to serve as a Trustee and has attained the age of 18 (eighteen) years, or if (had he or she already been a Trustee) he or she would have been disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

Appointment and Retirement of Trustees

Trustees shall be appointed by a decision of the Trustees. Trustees shall serve for a term of four years but shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Trustees. There shall be no limit on the number of terms in office that a Trustee may serve.

Disqualification and Removal of Trustees -A Trustee shall cease to hold office if:

He or she ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or the Insolvency Act 1986 or is disqualified from acting as a Trustee by virtue of Section 178 of the Charities Act 2011,
He or she is deemed by HM Revenue & Customs not to be a fit and proper person to be a manager of a charity.

The Trustees reasonably believe that he or she has become physically or mentally incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs and they decide to remove him or her from office.

The Trustee resigns from his or her office by notice to the Charity (but only if at least the minimum number specified ie. 3 will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).
The Trustee is absent without the permission of the Trustees from all their meetings held within a period of 6 (six) months without good reason and the Trustees decide that his or her office be vacated.

The Trustee has a bankruptcy order or an order is made against him or her in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales which has an effect similar to that of bankruptcy.

The Trustee is removed from office by the Trustees on the grounds that it is in the best interests of the Charity to be so removed. A decision to remove a Trustee from office may only be passed if, the Trustee has been given at least 21 (twenty one) Clear Days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Trustees at which the decision will be made and the reasons why it is to be proposed; and the Trustee or, at the option of the Trustee, the Trustee's representative (who need not be a Trustee) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.

The Trustee will cease to be a trustee if he or she ceases to be a Member of the Charity for any reason whatsoever, retires from office and is not re-elected or is removed from office in accordance with Section 168 of the CA 2006.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Currently (November 2025) we are waiting to discover what impact the Autumn Budget will have on our running costs next year and beyond. We anticipate there will be a further 4.1% increase in National Minimum Wage which will increase our wage bill next year by a further £100k.

We are coming to the end of a number of multi year grant funding relationships and we are work hard to develop new and existing relationships with grant funders to support our work from 2026 and beyond.

We have begun to deliver against the intermediate outcomes set out in our new Theory of Change, this includes working on:

- **How we talk about our work:** we have developed a new marketing strategy, as well as a communications strategy to support how we raise our profile. We are also looking ahead to two key milestones in our history – 2026 marks 10 years of GCT and 2028 marks 25 years of Liberdade. We will use these milestones as levers to raise our profile nationally and share learnings, as well as ground us in the community we serve.
- **Visibility:** GCT has been a finalist in the North East Charity awards, for the North East Charity of the year 2025, 2025 Locality Awards in the building inclusive communities award categories, the North East Culture Awards in the category of Best Museum or Cultural Venue and in the HR&D awards for excellence in Inclusivity and Diversity.
- **Income generation:** we have launched a new paid for membership scheme, corporate membership, and we will deliver two Big Give Campaigns each year. In 25/26 we will also develop a strong case for support for prospective high net worth donors. We also continue to maximize our earned income through weddings and private parties etc.
- **Performance work:** we will deliver our first ever full length Freedom Moving as part of Our Freedom Then and Now a national project co-ordinated by Future Arts Centres in late November 2025.
- **Social Impact:** we will continue to develop a robust social impact framework for reporting. We have been refining how we tell the story of our transformative impact and want to develop a robust methodology and structured approach, grounded in data and data collection. This will help us attract a wider range of funders, including businesses and high-net-worth individuals. We note in conversations with prospective mid to high level private supporters that demonstrating social impact is becoming more critical to securing sustainable long-term support.

Although times are challenging, we have a plan, and a continued passion to create the world our company members want to live in.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also Directors of Liberdade Community Development Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Board of Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ✓ Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- ✓ Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).
- ✓ Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- ✓ State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- ✓ Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- ✓ There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- ✓ The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

AUDITOR

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited were elected as auditor for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 17/11/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A L Golding
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Liberdade Community Development Trust (the 'charitable parent company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Group and Charitable Company Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit be performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team;

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework, in which the charitable company operates and how the company complies with that legal and regulatory framework.
- inquired with management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any know actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud.
- discussed with management and those charged with governance any non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessments of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

The risk of management override of controls was also considered an area of potential misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included testing of manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of this report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

M Moran

Michael Thomas Moran BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on Behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

Statutory Auditor
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Date: 17 December 2025

LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (INCLUDING CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES)

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	42,073	-	**42,073**	200,169
Grants	2	92,463	246,028	**338,491**	-
Charitable activities	3	270,614	-	**270,614**	2,162,412
Other trading activities	4	31,151	-	**31,151**	43,393
Other income	5	355,529	-	**355,529**	159,759
Total income		791,830	246,028	**1,037,858**	2,565,733
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	387,494	-	**387,494**	224,961
Charitable activities	7	620,278	184,968	**805,246**	395,308
Total expenditure		1,007,772	184,968	**1,192,740**	620,269
Net income/(expenditure)		(215,942)	61,060	**(154,882)**	1,945,464
Gross transfers between funds	21	-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		(215,942)	61,060	**(154,882)**	1,945,464
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund balances at 1 April 2024	21	2,636,499	460,837	**3,097,336**	1,151,872
Fund balances at 31 March 2025	21	2,420,557	521,897	**2,942,454**	3,097,336

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (INCLUDING CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES)

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	5,356	194,813	**200,169**
Charitable activities	3	342,949	1,819,463	**2,162,412**
Other trading activities	4	43,393	-	**43,393**
Other income	5	159,759	-	**159,759**
Total income		551,457	2,014,276	**2,565,733**
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	224,961	-	**224,961**
Charitable activities	7	245,089	150,219	**395,308**
Total expenditure		470,050	150,219	**620,269**
Net income/(expenditure)		81,407	1,864,057	**1,945,464**
Gross transfers between funds	21	1,942,046	(1,942,046)	-
Net movement in funds		2,023,453	(77,989)	**1,945,464**
Reconciliation of funds				
Fund balances at 1 April 2023	21	613,046	538,826	**1,151,872**
Fund balances at 31 March 2024	21	2,636,499	460,837	**3,097,336**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	13		9,840		12,300
Tangible assets	14		2,838,695		2,924,117
			2,848,535		2,936,417
Current assets					
Stock	16	6,236		6,485	
Debtors	17	43,505		129,198	
Cash at bank and in hand		180,033		211,500	
		229,774		347,183	
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	18	(135,855)		(171,841)	
Net current assets			93,919		175,342
Total assets less current liabilities			2,942,454		3,111,759
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	19		-		(14,423)
Net assets			2,942,454		3,097,336
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds	21		2,420,557		2,636,499
Restricted funds	21		521,897		460,837
Total reserves			2,942,454		3,097,336

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17/12/2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

A L Golding
Trustee

Company registration number: 06548122

The notes on pages 19 to 34 form part of these financial statements

LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	13		9,840		12,300
Tangible fixed assets	14		2,838,695		2,924,117
Investments	15		100		100
			2,848,635		2,936,517
Current assets					
Debtors	17	52,309		175,751	
Cash at bank and in hand		126,614		157,077	
		178,923		332,828	
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	18	(113,576)		(164,672)	
Net current assets			65,347		168,156
Total assets less current liabilities			2,913,982		3,104,673
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	19		-		(14,423)
Net assets			2,913,982		3,090,250
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds			2,392,085		2,629,413
Restricted funds			521,897		460,837
Total reserves			2,913,982		3,090,250

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17/12/2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

A L Golding
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LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CONSILDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025	2024
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	23	**(15,740)**	1,765,647
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		-	(4,920)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(4,250)**	(2,155,766)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		**(4,250)**	(2,160,686)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of loans and borrowing		**(11,477)**	(11,677)
Change in cash and cash equivalents		**(31,467)**	(406,716)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	24	**211,500**	618,216
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	24	**180,033**	211,500

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

1. Accounting policies

Liberdade Community Development Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The registered office is Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the group's abilities to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that effect the carrying value of assets held by the group.

Liberdade Community Development Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity entry 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).

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the charitable company and its wholly owned subsidiary undertaking, Liberdade Trading Limited, on a line-by-line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is achieved where the charity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.3 Fund structure

The charity has restricted funds to account for the donor requiring that the donation must be spent on a particular purpose. All other funds are unrestricted income funds. The funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in the Reserves Notes.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose to furtherance the charitable objectives.

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the trustees and are therefore not available for other purposes.

Restricted funds represent grants, donations, legacies and assets which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

1.4 **Income**

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

Grants receivable are recognized when the charity has entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognized as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to release.

Donations and legacies are recognized when the charity is notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity, the income is deferred and not recognized until those conditions are met.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Where a gift in kind is given to the charity and it can be reliably measured, the gift is shown in both voluntary income and charitable activities.

Investment income is recognized on a receivable basis, when the amount can be measured reliably. This is normally upon notification from the bank.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under advance contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognized as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income included in this category provides funding to support client service activities and is recognized where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred where related grants are received and the performance conditions relating to its entitlement are not met.

1.5 **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

- Raising funds are the costs included of commercial trading including the trading company's activities and the letting operations, together with their associated support costs.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- 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 charity's (and group's) activities. The basis on which the support costs have been allocated are set out in the support cost note.

- Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 **Intangible assets**

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website costs	- 20 %	straight line

1.7 **Fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	- 20 %	reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20 %	straight line
Computer equipment	- 33 %	straight line
Leasehold property	-	over the term of the lease

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The group has a policy not to capitalise individual assets costing under £300.

1.8 **Fixed asset investments**

Investments in subsidiaries at valued at cost less provision for impairment.

1.9 **Impairment of fixed assets**

Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared against its carrying amount. Where the estimated recoverable amount is lower, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit and loss.

1.10 **Stock**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

1.11 **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are initially recognized at transaction price.

1.12 **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. Trade creditors are initially recognized at transaction price.

1.13 **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.14 **Corporation tax**

As a charity, the company is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

1.15 **Pensions and other post-retirement obligations**

The group operated a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the group has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due.

1.16 **Estimation uncertainly and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Donations	42,073	-	**42,073**
Grants receivable	92,463	246,028	**338,491**
	134,536	246,028	**380,564**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	5,356	194,813	200,169
	5,356	194,813	200,169

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
User income	154,738	-	**154,738**
Ticket income	115,876	-	**115,876**
Grants receivable	-	-	-
	270,614	-	**270,614**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
User income	121,265	-	121,265
Ticket income	46,684	-	46,684
Grants receivable	175,000	1,819,463	1,994,463
	342,949	1,819,463	2,162,412

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Event income	31,151	**31,151**	43,393
	31,151	**31,151**	43,393

5. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from trading subsidiary	316,707	**316,707**	153,329
Rental income	38,822	**38,822**	6,430
	355,529	**355,529**	159,759

6. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Trading subsidiary costs	283,902	**283,902**	146,245
Costs of performance/events	103,592	**103,592**	78,716
	387,494	**387,494**	224,961

7. Charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs (note 8) 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Charitable activities	511,206	294,040	**805,246**
	511,206	294,040	**805,246**

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs (note 8) 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities	194,890	200,418	395,308
	194,890	200,418	395,308

	2025 £	2024 £
Analysis per fund		
Unrestricted	**620,278**	245,089
Restricted	**184,968**	150,219
	805,246	395,308

8. Analysis of support and governance costs

	Support Costs 2025 £	Governance costs 2025 £	Total 2025 £
General support costs	251,567	-	**251,567**
Audit fees	-	13,225	**13,225**
Other fees paid to auditors	-	1,348	**1,348**
Legal and professional	-	27,900	**27,900**
	251,567	42,473	**294,040**

8. Analysis of support and governance costs (continued)

	Support Costs 2024	Governance costs 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
General support costs	174,969	-	**174,969**
Audit fees	-	11,680	**11,680**
Other fees paid to auditors	-	3,310	**3,310**
Legal and professional	-	10,459	**10,459**
	174,969	25,449	**200,418**

9. Net incoming / outgoing resources

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Audit fees	**13,225**	11,680
Other non-audit service	**1,348**	3,310
Amortisation	**2,460**	-
Depreciation	**89,672**	60,004

10. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**566,476**	432,327
Social security costs	**35,003**	27,834
Pension contributions	**10,927**	8,532
	612,406	468,693

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year was as follows

	2025	2024
	No	No
Full time	**15**	16
Part time	**21**	10
	36	26

No employees received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the group were £89,317 (2024 - £84,647)

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024: £nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no trustees' expenses have been incurred (2024: £nil).

12. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

13. Intangible fixed assets

Group and charity

	Website costs	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	12,300	**12,300**
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2025	12,300	**12,300**
Amortisation		
At 1 April 2024	-	-
Charge for the year	2,460	**2,460**
Eliminated on disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2025	2,460	**2,460**
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	9,840	**9,840**
At 31 March 2024	12,300	**12,300**

14. Tangible fixed assets

Group and charity	Long leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	2,937,215	115,070	36,476	194,513	**3,283,274**
Additions	-	1,724	2,526	-	**4,250**
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	2,937,215	116,794	39,002	194,513	**3,287,524**
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	132,949	79,449	30,195	116,564	**359,157**
Charge for the year	56,744	14,138	3,223	15,567	**89,672**
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	189,693	93,587	33,418	132,131	**448,829**
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	2,747,522	23,207	5,584	62,382	**2,838,695**
At 31 March 2024	2,804,266	35,621	6,281	77,949	**2,924,117**

15. Fixed asset investments

Charity	Subsidiary undertakings £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	**100**
At 31 March 2025	**100**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	**100**
At 31 March 2024	**100**

15. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Subsidiaries
The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the charity:

Name of undertaking	Nature of business	Class of shares	% Held Direct
Liberdade Trading Limited	Operation of bar and cafe facilities	Ordinary	100

Registered office address (UK unless otherwise indicated):

Gosforth Civic Hall, Regent Farm Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne And Wear, NE3 3HD

The financial results of the subsidiary were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Income	**316,707**	153,329
Expenditure	**(288,236)**	(146,245)
Profit / (loss) for the year	**28,471**	7,084
Net assets	**28,571**	7,184

16. Stock

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Stocks	**6,236**	6,485	**-**	-

17. Debtors

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Trade debtors	**20,328**	39,655	**18,678**	33,159
Prepayments and accrued income	**22,311**	88,701	**22,311**	88,701
Amounts due from group undertakings	**-**	-	**10,454**	53,049
Other debtors	**866**	842	**866**	842
	43,505	129,198	**52,309**	175,751

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Bank loans	**14,346**	11,400	**14,346**	11,400
Trade creditors	**15,725**	18,750	**11,216**	16,664
Amounts owed to group undertakings		-	-	-
Taxation and social security	**17,219**	15,665	**5,730**	14,657
Other creditors	**3,859**	5,522	**3,859**	1,447
Accruals and deferred income	**84,706**	120,504	**78,425**	120,504
	135,855	171,841	**113,576**	164,672

Included in accruals and deferred income is the following amount received where entitlement has not been met in the current year:

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	**17,637**	30,460	**17,637**	30,460
Amounts released from previous periods	**(17,637)**	(30,460)	**(17,637)**	(30,460)
Income deferred in the year	**19,973**	17,637	**19,973**	17,637
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	**19,973**	17,637	**19,973**	17,637

19. Creditors: amounts falling due after 1 year

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
Bank loans	-	14,423	-	14,423
	-	14,423	-	14,423

20. Borrowings

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	**14,346**	25,823
At 31 March 2025	**14,346**	25,823
Payable with one year	**14,346**	11,400
Payable after one year	-	14,423

Bounce back loan is denominated in sterling with a nominal interest rate of 2.5% (2024 - 2.5%), and the balance has been repaid in full by the group after the current period end.

21. Statement of funds

Group – current year	Balance at 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2025 £
General funds	277,598	791,830	(960,117)	-	**109,311**
Designated funds					
Capital refurbishment fund	2,358,901	-	(47,655)	-	2,311,246
Total unrestricted	**2,636,499**	**791,830**	**(1,007,772)**	**-**	**2,420,557**
Restricted funds					
Property Fund	445,365	-	(9,090)	-	**436,275**
NCIF	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Funds Revenue Grant	15,472	40,000	(55,472)	-	-
The Gosling Foundation	-	12,500	-	-	**12,500**
ACE Grassroots Music	-	20,000	(1,957)	-	**18,043**
ACE Survive & Thrive	-	89,798	(69,740)	-	**20,058**
Access Reach Fund	-	13,730	(5,950)	-	**7,780**
Community Foundation Wellesley	-	10,000	-	-	**10,000**
Garfield Weston	-	30,000	(12,759)	-	**17,241**
	460,837	246,028	(184,968)	-	**521,897**
Total funds	3,097,336	1,037,858	(1,192,740)	-	**2,942,454**

Transfers

Transfers amounting to £nil (2024: £1,942,046) were made during the year in respect of funds capitalised.

21. **Statement of funds (continued)**

Group – prior year	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
General funds	613,046	551,457	(470,050)	(416,855)	**277,598**
Designated funds					
Capital refurbishment fund	-	-	-	2,358,901	2,358,901
Total unrestricted	**613,046**	**551,457**	**(470,050)**	**1,942,046**	**2,636,499**
Restricted funds					
Arts Council	-	390,027	(23,827)	(366,200)	-
Property Fund	259,642	194,813	(9,090)	-	**445,365**
NCIF	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Funds Revenue Grant	-	80,000	(64,528)	-	**15,472**
Foyle Capital Project	75,000	-	-	(75,000)	-
School For Social SESF	3,636	-	(3,636)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund Capital	2,871	50,000	-	(52,871)	-
YIF Capital Project	197,677	1,079,989	(19,138)	(1,258,528)	-
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	114,447	-	(114,447)	-
The Wolfson Foundation	-	75,000	-	(75,000)	-
	538,826	2,014,276	(150,219)	(1,942,046)	**460,837**
Total funds	1,151,872	2,565,733	(620,269)	-	**3,097,336**

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows

21. **Statement of funds (continued)**

The specific purpose for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Restricted funds:

Arts Council (Capital)
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project.

Property Fund
Fund set up to account for the 50 year lease taken out on 15th January 2023 at Gosforth Civic Centre, the premises in which the charity operates.

Newcastle Cultural Investment Fund (NCIF)
Amounts received to be used for the core costs of Gosforth Civic Theatre.

Foyle Foundation (Capital)
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project, with particular focus on Theatrical Infrastructure.

Social Enterprise Support Fund (SESF)
Amounts received to be used for core costs.

National Lottery Community Fund Revenue & Capital
Amounts received to be used for core costs and towards the delivery of the Capital Project.

Youth Investment Fund (YIF)
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project, including core costs during the project.

The Clothworkers' Foundation
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project.

Access Reach Fund
Amounts received to aid the Charity in their work on financial modelling and planning.

The Gosling Foundation
Amounts received to support the Charity in their goal of keeping three youth programmes they run free to attend.

ACE Grassroots Music
Amounts received to support the music facilities at Gosforth Civic Theatre.

ACE Survive & Thrive
Amounts received to support the S&T project that focuses on performance programmes, development of a youth board, and providing free access to activities.

Community Foundation – Wellesley
Amounts received to support a training programme aimed at young adults with learning disabilities in Newcastle.

Garfield Weston
Amounts received for the costs of projects run at Gosforth Civic Theatre.

22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted General 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Intangible fixed assets	9,840	-	**9,840**
Tangible fixed assets	2,402,420	436,275	**2,838,695**
Net current assets/(liabilities)	8,297	85,622	**93,919**
Creditors over 1 year	-	-	-
Total net assets	2,420,557	521,897	**2,942,454**

	Unrestricted General 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Intangible fixed assets	12,300	-	12,300
Tangible fixed assets	2,478,752	445,365	2,924,117
Net current assets/(liabilities)	159,870	15,472	175,342
Creditors over 1 year	(14,423)	-	(14,423)
Total net assets	2,636,499	460,837	3,097,336

23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	**(154,882)**	1,945,464
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	**89,672**	60,004
Amortisation	**2,460**	-
Increase / (decrease) in deferred income	**2,336**	(12,823)
(Increase) / decrease in stocks	**249**	(5,617)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	**85,693**	(7,786)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	**(41,268)**	(213,595)
Net cash provided by operating activities	**(15,740)**	1,765,647

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024	Cash flows	Other non-cash changes	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	211,500	(31,467)	-	**180,033**
Loans due within 1 year	(11,400)	(2,946)	-	**(14,346)**
Loans due more than 1 year	(14,423)	14,423	-	**-**
	185,677	(19,990)	-	**165,687**

25. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £10,927 (2024: £8,532) in the year. At the balance sheet date amounts were payable to the fund of £381 (2024: £1,447) which are included in creditors.

26. Related party transactions

Charity

During the year, the group made the following related party transactions:

Liberdade Trading Limited
(The charity owns 100% of the subsidiary, Liberdade Trading Limited. The company runs the bar and cafe at the theatre.)

During the year, the subsidiary gifted its profits from the prior year totaling £7,084. At the balance sheet date, the amount due from Liberdade Trading Limited was £10,454 (2024 - £53,049 due from the subsidiary).

LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1163955

Accounts

Charity registration number 1163955

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Liberdade Community Development Trust

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	S Peace	
	A L Golding	
	N Forrest	
	S Ripley	
	E J Denham	
	M A Geffre	
	J Blackett	(Appointed 13 December 2023)
	K Rhys-Jones	(Appointed 13 December 2023)
	L Snowball	(Appointed 13 December 2023)
	H Walkinshaw	(Appointed 13 June 2024)
Company Registration Number	06548122 (England & Wales)	
Charity Registration Number	1163955	
Registered office	Gosforth Civic Theatre Regent Farm Road Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3HD	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc London 63 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3JW	
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Auditors	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ	

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Liberdade's mission is 'To raise everyone's expectations about what people with learning disabilities (pwld) can achieve'. We raise our own expectations and the expectations of society in general.

- Our work deliberately sets out to challenge the prejudice in society about learning disabled people and the contribution they can make.
- Setting high standards for the quality of work and the way we achieve it is central to the way we operate
- Creating opportunities for learning disabled people and the wider community to spend time together is central to our approach
- We believe our work leads to greater equality, quality of life and improved health and wellbeing for learning disabled people and the wider community

Liberdade (*Lib – er – dar – jie)* has a soul, it cares for people and pushes them to excel, it always goes above and beyond and doesn't know the meaning of can't. People with learning disabilities come to Liberdade to work, to train others, to expel old misconceptions but mostly to belong.
We work by using the arts and Gosforth Civic Theatre as tools for change. The change happens both within our participants and society as a whole, we use the process of performing, working, and being a member of a company as a mechanism for personal and social development.

What we do
We deliver training and provide opportunities for young people and adults with learning disabilities, the training covers; performing arts; health and wellbeing; sport; employment skills; and more. The opportunities we provide include; work experience; community engagement; leading an organisation; volunteering; and performing in front of a public audience. We also share our learning by publishing detailed information on our organisational development, and partner with a large number of other organisations and Individuals.

We take part in regional, national and international events representing the learning disabled community and have set up and supported new organisatations to create further opportunities for people with learning disabilities across the region.

In 2016 we took on an asset via a community asset transfer, Gosforth Civic Theatre is an arts venue that is open to all.

Historically society has created places for people with learning disabilities to go, at Gosforth Civic Theatre, people with learning disabilities have created a place for everyone to come together.

"We wanted to provide something for the community instead of it being the other way around, here people can see that we've got skills, that we can be useful"
Ed (founding company member)

Gosforth Civic Theatre is an amazing place where a group of people with learning disabilities are bringing the local community together to generate understanding, creativity, and change. We believe that if you bring people together in a positive and creative way then the barriers that can exist in communities are overcome.

Artistic values

Producing performance platform events, performing, and creating films enables our members to have a collective voice. It instils confidence and creativity, it promotes valuable life and work skills but most importantly it promotes social value. At Liberdade its not about how talented you are or what you can do, it is about belonging first and then finding and honing your skills to contribute to the organisation as a whole.

Our working practices have always strived for social change by raising our own expectations, those of our learning disabled members and members of the public we engage with. Using this very simple model we aim to demonstrate to society that learning disabled people are able, skilled and valuable members of a community whilst breaking down old misconceptions that hinder progress.

We use commonality in the creation of our artistic work to build connections between our performers and their audiences, we also use humor in our performances to further break down barriers.

External context - summary of major changes

We closed the building in January 2023 for essential capital redevelopment. The original timeline for the capital project was 26 weeks. We partially reopened the building in late August 2023 and spent the following 4 months with builders still working at GCT to complete the works. This proved challenging and difficult for all involved. It has significantly affected our earned income for this financial year. We received a completion certificate in March 2024, 31 weeks late.

Internal context – summary of major issues

We had been aware for some time that we had been operating in 'survival mode', our need to carry out planned organisational development to build resilience over the closure of the building was much needed. Unfortunately, our CEO and Development Manager's capacity to carry these developments was taken up managing the complexity of the capital project.
They also were unable to dedicate capacity to essential fundraising to cover the shortfall left by the failure to secure NPO core support from Arts Council England. The delays in the capital project further compounded this issue. Fortunately, Youth Investment Fund who funded 65% of the build (£1.5 million) stepped in with a further £190,000 to support us to complete the project and cover core costs. However, we were still facing a significant shortfall in funding.

Other challenges include increases in the National Living Wage, which has had a £50k negative impact on expenditure year on year, and next year the impact will be even greater. The cost of utilities and materials (Stock, etc) has also had a huge impact on our expenditure, increasing our overall expenditure by 14% year on year, and our forecast predicts it will rise again next year by a further 18%. In real terms that means we will have faced an increase of £300k per year within a 24 month period (and our output and staffing level hasn't varied particularly).

Public benefit
In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "public benefit: running a charity (PB2)". We endeavour to encourage all within our community to take part in our activities and to attend our theatre and workshops.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regards to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year we have focused on the following:

- We successfully delivered the £2.5 million capital development project of Gosforth Civic Theatre.
- Took advantage of extra support offered through YIF to work with Consultants Beeston Clarke to help us with developing our financial systems and Eastside People to support us with our organisational development.
- Started working with Goodlabs to develop a bespoke social CRM system called Cimpl based on the Salesforce platform.
- We recruited a part-time office manager in January 2024 to support with organisation development.
- We recruited two new part-time personnel, a work placement coordinator and a work placement mentor who started in Sept 2023. They designed a work placement programme for Post 16 SEND learners within our café at GCT, built partnerships and recruited trainees.
- We have continued to provide existing company members with opportunities to volunteer at cultural events at GCT. In addition, our Gaming Social weekly activity has five young autistic people volunteering.
- We significantly increased recruitment to our SEND programmes, 16 new participants joined in Sept 2023.
- We delivered all our platform events planned throughout the year at GCT, namely 'Freedom Moving', our LD dance platform, 'Engage', our community group platform and a Youth Showcase which are all designed to bring people to together.
- In addition to running all of our weekly SEND programmes and community activity at GCT we ran a total of 99 events since reopening: 65 cultural events, 34 private events with a total 9,949 attendees and approx 14,000 visits to our café (Sept 23 – Mar 24).
- We were invited by the National Theatre to an event at 10 Downing Street in 2023, where we met representatives of the National Youth Theatre, subsequently they gave us advice on how to develop our own Youth Board which now sits alongside our Shadow Board as an important part of our governance model.
- We continued to maintain and develop successful partnerships with regional and national organisations, these included: Working relationships with Mortal Fools, Curious Monkey, Curious Arts, Unfolding theatre, National Youth Agency and Tin Arts. We have also participated in networks including, NEIDN, North East Culture Social, Meet the programmers, Youth Investment Fund, and Locality.

Our income streams

We generated earned income in a number of different ways, these were:

- Services delivered to people with learning disabilities
- Café and Bar sales
- Ticket Sales
- Space rental and Events
- Donations
- Grant and trust funding

The current programmes and activities we deliver for our core beneficiaries

Dance Outreach
These are arts, participatory and learning projects delivered in local SEND Schools and Colleges with young people aged 12-24. The projects are usually 10 weeks long and provide opportunities for young people to create and perform artistic work. They include fun creative classes which introduce learners to dance technique and choreography. Learners are encouraged to be creative and work towards creating a performance piece.

Contemporary Dance and Youth Dance
Our Contemporary Dance Class is open to young people who enjoy dance. Liberdade Youth Dance is for young people who have participated in Outreach projects and want to continue their interest outside of school. Both activities are for young people aged 16 to 24 years and offer: Weekly dance technique classes with learners from local SEND Schools and Colleges who are committed to developing their skills; Opportunities for those in Youth Dance to create higher level performance work.

Skills Development
This programme is designed for young people aged 18-25 years who have participated in Liberdade Youth Dance and want to develop further, and for School and College leavers who have participated in dance elsewhere. It offers: Dance technique class - training in strength and flexibility, developing coordination and discipline; Creative tasks – learning to use bodies to express narrative, feelings and emotions, working together as a team; Choreography – making group decisions about themes and narratives to develop a dance/performance project, taking direction, inputting ideas and giving direction.

Performance Ensemble
This programme is for young people aged 20+ who have completed the Skills Development programme and have shown commitment and potential to further their performance career. It includes: Professional level classes in technique, creative tasks and choreography; Opportunities to tour work and represent the company at national performances.

Health and Wellbeing
These programmes for 18-30's and 30+ are designed to support participants to lead a healthy lifestyle. They involve changing eating and exercise behaviours ln a fun and engaging way with support & encouragement from others. They include: Helping each individual to find the right balance; Learning about how well and often participants move compared to how much and what they eat; Learning about food and discovering how what is eaten affects feelings; Learning about healthy meals; Exploring new ways to get & keep fit; Using local facilities to try new activities and work with fitness professionals; Setting personal goals; Doing meditation and improving emotional well-being through stress management and mindfulness.

GCT Gaming Social
Our super-relaxed gaming social is somewhere young people are welcome to come along, game, play, and socialise through their love and passion for all things video game.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Policy on reserves

The calculation of free reserves is based on the definition included in the charity statement of recommended practice (SORP), which provides recommendations for accounting and reporting for charities. The trustees have examined the requirements of the charity to hold free reserves those - reserves not invested in tangible fixed assets, excluding long term liabilities, or designated for a particular purpose. The Trustees considered it would be appropriate to hold the equivalent of three months expenditure, which would equate to holding between £130,000 and £160,000 in free reserves.

At the year end free reserves were reported as £159,870 (2023: £64,453) an increase of £95,417 in the year. Note 22 – Analysis of net assets between funds gives the detail of the movement of free reserves.

Included within Fixed Assets are tangible capital additions of £2,155,766 and intangible (website) capital additions of £4,920 a total of £2,160,686. £1,624,728 of the capital spend in the year has been funded by restricted grants from both the Arts Council and YIF – which you can reference in the charity's funds (note 21). Having received restricted funding the charity has carried out these capital works (which were still ongoing after the year end) and to recognise that monies have been spent - and therefore the restriction met – has made a restricted to unrestricted fund transfer of £1,942,046.

Key Management Personnel

The board, who give their time freely and no trustees received remuneration in the year, have considered who the Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the charity, as noted in the Reference and Administration section. Together with the board, these KMP are those in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the activities of the charity on a day to day basis. The pay of the KMP is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The trustees benchmark against pay levels of other charities and similar organisations within the sector and the region. Pay levels are set using this information together with the budget and forecast information, ensuring that the charity can afford any proposed increases. The board then agree any uplift to remuneration.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Liberdade Community Development Trust is a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital, governed by its articles of association dated 05/10/2015. Prior to this the organisation was known as Liberdade North East CIC and was a community interest company also limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

Membership of Liberdade

We have increased the diversity of our board this year by recruiting new trustees with lived experience of a learning disability, and lived experience of being part of the LGBTQ+ community. We have recruited new members to the board this year with experience in:

- **HR** - to support our growing facility and workforce
- **Digital and Data –** To support the development of our digital systems and social impact measurement we would like to recruit someone with experience of CRM systems, and digital best practice within cultural organisations.
- **Music sector** – to support our visibility in the industry

There are a number of skills we are looking for which can strengthen our Board and enable us to continue our plans for the future. These include:

Facilities Management (arts/hospitality) – Although we have good skills within our staff team we would like to find a trustee who can bring facilities management skills to the board.

Fundraising Events and Philanthropy - To support our fundraising strategy. A greater proportion of our income will need to come from our community and we need someone on the board who can help us to build relationships with high net worth individuals and corporate donors.

a. Persons who wish to become members of the Charity must apply for membership in a manner approved by the Trustees and the application must then be approved by the Trustees, who have in their absolute discretion to decline it and need not give reasons for doing so.
b. The Trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of any elected Members.
c. The Trustees may make rules which establish different classes of membership with different rights and obligations, these shall be recorded in the register of Members
d. Membership shall terminate if, the Member dies, is convicted of a criminal offence, resigns, is in arrears to the Charity or the Trustees decide to terminate as in the best interests of the Charity.

The Role of the Board

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Charity, and has overall legal responsibility for all that the Charity does. Members of the Board are the Trustees of the Charity.
The Board meets at least four times a year, but will meet more frequently as required.

Trustees Responsibilities

Trustees have ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and is delivering the charitable outcomes for which it has been set up.
There are three key duties as specified by the Charity Commission:

Duty of Compliance – Trustees must ensure the charity complies with all relevant laws and regulations, including charity law. They must ensure that Liberdade CDT does not breach any of the requirements set out in the Articles of Association and that it remains true to the charitable purpose and objects set out.

Trustees must also act with integrity, and avoid any personal conflicts of interest of misuse of charity funds or assets.

Duty of Prudence – Trustees must ensure that the charity is and will remain solvent. They should use charitable funds and assets reasonably, and only in furtherance of Liberdade CDT objects. They should avoid undertaking activities that might place the charities funds, assets or reputation at undue risk and take special care when investing the funds of the charity, or borrowing funds for the charity to use.

Duty of Care – Trustees must use reasonable care and skill in their work as trustees, using their personal skills and experience as needed to ensure that the charity is well-run and efficient and consider getting external professional
advice on all matters where there may be material risk to the charity, or where the trustees may be in breach of their duties.

These duties are explained further in the Charity Commission Publication CC3,
The Essential Trustee. It can be read in full at (http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc3.aspx)

The Board may establish committees, advisory councils or working groups as appropriate to help it to fulfil its remit.

Membership of the Board

The minimum size of the Board is 3 and the maximum is 13

The Trustees shall use all reasonable endeavours to facilitate the creation of an informal group of service users of the Charity. The Trustees shall ensure that the views of such group are reported back to the Trustees on a regular basis, as they shall determine.

The first Trustees shall be those persons named in the statement delivered pursuant to Section 12(1) of CA 2006 who shall be deemed to have been appointed under the Articles of Association. Future Trustees shall be appointed as provided below.

A Trustee may not appoint an alternate director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of Trustees.

Eligibility to be a Trustee - Any person who is eligible to act as a Trustee may be appointed to be a Trustee by the existing Trustees.

No person may be appointed as a Trustee, unless he or she is a Member of the Charity and is in support of the Objects, and that person is willing to serve as a Trustee and has attained the age of 18 (eighteen) years, or if (had he or she already been a Trustee) he or she would have been disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

Appointment and Retirement of Trustees

Trustees shall be appointed by a decision of the Trustees. Trustees shall serve for a term of four years but shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Trustees. There shall be no limit on the number of terms in office that a Trustee may serve.

Disqualification and Removal of Trustees -A Trustee shall cease to hold office if:

He or she ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or the Insolvency Act 1986 or is disqualified from acting as a Trustee by virtue of Section 178 of the Charities Act 2011,
He or she is deemed by HM Revenue & Customs not to be a fit and proper person to be a manager of a charity.

The Trustees reasonably believe that he or she has become physically or mentally incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs and they decide to remove him or her from office.

The Trustee resigns from his or her office by notice to the Charity (but only if at least the minimum number specified ie. 3 will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).
The Trustee is absent without the permission of the Trustees from all their meetings held within a period of 6 (six) months without good reason and the Trustees decide that his or her office be vacated.

The Trustee has a bankruptcy order or an order is made against him or her in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales which has an effect similar to that of bankruptcy.

The Trustee is removed from office by the Trustees on the grounds that it is in the best interests of the Charity to be so removed. A decision to remove a Trustee from office may only be passed if, the Trustee has been given at least 21 (twenty one) Clear Days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Trustees at which the decision will be made and the reasons why it is to be proposed; and the Trustee or, at the option of the Trustee, the Trustee's representative (who need not be a Trustee) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.

The Trustee will cease to be a trustee if he or she ceases to be a Member of the Charity for any reason whatsoever, retires from office and is not re-elected or is removed from office in accordance with Section 168 of the CA 2006.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have now (December 2024) settled into our new building after significantly updating the building by improving its environmental performance, internal and external aesthetics, theatrical infrastructure, and increasing its capacity.

In light of the continued increase to the National Minimum Wage, and employers NI we are again developing our income model to remain viable in the financial environment, this is increasingly important because of the competitive funding environment and continued increased expenditure in most areas.

We have a good plan to diversify our charitable and trading income sources. We will develop paid for membership schemes, corporate memberships, High Net Worth donations, and community appeals. To support this we will create a new role to manage this work. We are also working internally to maximise our earned income and find efficiencies within our expenditure.

We will continue to develop the activities and performance programme to maximise the buildings capacity to provide a service, and most importantly create positive social change.

We are looking to build financial resilience over the coming years by building on our reserves, and increasing the amount of funding we are seeking from both organisations and individuals.

We will also develop and publish the next iteration of our Theory of Change in mid 2025. This is an important project which includes the voices of our beneficiaries, staff, board, and community. It enables us to communicate with the wider sector and share everything we have learnt and plan to develop over the next five years.

Although times are challenging, we have a plan, and a continued passion to create the world our company members want to live in.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also Directors of Liberdade Community Development Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Board of Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ✓ Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- ✓ Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).
- ✓ Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- ✓ State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- ✓ Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- ✓ There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- ✓ The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

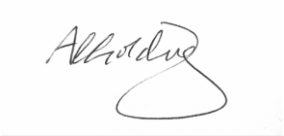
DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

AUDITOR

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited were elected as auditor for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on …16/12/24……. and signed on their behalf by:



A L Golding
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Liberdade Community Development Trust (the 'charitable parent company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Group and Charitable Company Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit be performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team;

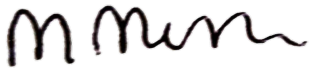
- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework, in which the charitable company operates and how the company complies with that legal and regulatory framework.
- inquired with management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any know actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud.
- discussed with management and those charged with governance any non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessments of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

The risk of management override of controls was also considered an area of potential misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included testing of manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of this report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Michael Thomas Moran BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on Behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

Statutory Auditor
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Newcastle Upon Tyne
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Date: 16 December 2024

LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (INCLUDING CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES)

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	**2**	5,356	194,813	**200,169**	22,289
Charitable activities	**3**	342,949	1,819,463	**2,162,412**	1,226,874
Other trading activities	**4**	43,393	-	**43,393**	35,189
Other income	**5**	159,759	-	**159,759**	163,864
Total income		551,457	2,014,276	**2,565,733**	1,448,216
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	**6**	224,961	-	**224,961**	138,302
Charitable activities	**7**	245,089	150,219	**395,308**	633,248
Total expenditure		470,050	150,219	**620,269**	771,550
Net income/(expenditure)		81,407	1,864,057	**1,945,464**	676,666
Gross transfers between funds	**21**	1,942,046	(1,942,046)	**-**	-
Net movements in funds		2,023,453	(77,989)	**1,945,464**	676,666
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund balances at 1 April 2023	**21**	613,046	538,826	**1,151,872**	475,206
Fund balances at 31 March 2024	**21**	2,636,499	460,837	**3,097,336**	1,151,872

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (INCLUDING CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES)

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	**2**	22,289	-	**22,289**
Charitable activities	**3**	233,466	993,408	**1,226,874**
Other trading activities	**4**	35,189	-	**35,189**
Other income	**5**	163,864	-	**163,864**
Total income		454,808	993,408	**1,448,216**
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	**6**	138,302	-	**138,302**
Charitable activities	**7**	354,739	278,509	**633,248**
Total expenditure		493,041	278,509	**771,550)**
Net income/(expenditure)		(38,233)	714,899	**676,666**
Gross transfers between funds	**21**	475,800	(475,800)	**-**
Net movement in funds		437,567	239,099	**676,666**
Reconciliation of funds				
Fund balances at 1 April 2022	**21**	175,479	299,727	**475,206**
Fund balances at 31 March 2023	**21**	613,046	538,826	**1,151,872**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

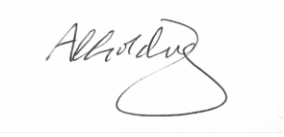
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LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	**13**		**12,300**		7,380
Tangible assets	**14**		**2,924,117**		828,355
			2,936,417		835,735
Current assets					
Stock	**16**	**6,485**		868	
Debtors	**17**	**129,198**		121,412	
Cash at bank and in hand		**211,500**		618,216	
		347,183		740,496	
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	**18**	**(171,841)**		(396,859)	
Net current assets			**175,342**		343,637
Total assets less current liabilities			**3,111,759**		1,179,372
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	**19**		**(14,423)**		(27,500)
Net assets			**3,097,336**		1,151,872
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds	**21**		**2,636,499**		613,046
Restricted funds	**21**		**460,837**		538,826
Total reserves			**3,097,336**		1,151,872

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 16/12/24…and are signed on their behalf by:



A L Golding
Trustee

Company registration number: 06548122

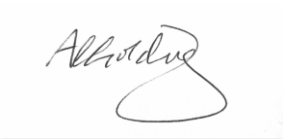
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LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible fixed assets	**13**		**12,300**		7,380
Tangible fixed assets	**14**		**2,924,117**		828,355
Investments	**15**		**100**		100
			2,936,517		835,835
Current assets					
Debtors	**17**	**175,751**		121,237	
Cash at bank and in hand		**157,077**		604,307	
		332,828		725,544	
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	**18**	**(164,672)**		(459,911)	
Net current assets			**168,156**		265,633
Total assets less current liabilities			**3,104,673**		1,101,468
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	**19**		**(14,423)**		(27,500)
Net assets			**3,090,250**		1,073,968
Reserves					
Unrestricted funds			**2,629,413**		535,142
Restricted funds			**460,837**		538,826
Total reserves			**3,090,250**		1,073,968

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LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CONSILDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	**23**	**1,765,647**	985,213
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		**(4,920)**	(7,380)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(2,155,766)**	(468,420)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		**(2,160,686)**	(475,800)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of loans and borrowing		**(11,677)**	(9,111)
Change in cash and cash equivalents		**(406,716)**	500,302
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**24**	**618,216**	117,914
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**24**	**211,500**	618,216

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

1. Accounting policies

Liberdade Community Development Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The registered office is Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the group's abilities to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that effect the carrying value of assets held by the group.

Liberdade Community Development Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity entry 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).

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the charitable company and its wholly owned subsidiary undertaking, Liberdade Trading Limited, on a line-by-line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities for the charity itself is not presented because the charity has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is achieved where the charity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.3 Fund structure

The charity has restricted funds to account for the donor requiring that the donation must be spent on a particular purpose. All other funds are unrestricted income funds. The funds held in each of these categories are disclosed in the Reserves Notes.

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose to furtherance the charitable objectives.

Designated funds are amounts which have been put aside at the discretion of the trustees and are therefore not available for other purposes.

Restricted funds represent grants, donations, legacies and assets which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

1.4 **Income**

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

Grants receivable are recognized when the charity has entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognized as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to release.

Donations and legacies are recognized when the charity is notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity, the income is deferred and not recognized until those conditions are met.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Where a gift in kind is given to the charity and it can be reliably measured, the gift is shown in both voluntary income and charitable activities.

Investment income is recognized on a receivable basis, when the amount can be measured reliably. This is normally upon notification from the bank.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under advance contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognized as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income included in this category provides funding to support client service activities and is recognized where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred where related grants are received and the performance conditions relating to its entitlement are not met.

1.5 **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

- Raising funds are the costs included of commercial trading including the trading company's activities and the letting operations, together with their associated support costs.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- 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 charity's (and group's) activities. The basis on which the support costs have been allocated are set out in the support cost note.

- Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT,

1.6 **Intangible assets**

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Website costs	- 20 %	straight line

1.7 **Fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	- 20 %	reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20 %	straight line
Computer equipment	- 33 %	straight line
Leasehold property	-	over the term of the lease

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The group has a policy not to capitalise individual assets costing under £300.

1.8 **Fixed asset investments**

Investments in subsidiaries at valued at cost less provision for impairment.

1.9 **Impairment of fixed assets**

Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared against its carrying amount. Where the estimated recoverable amount is lower, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit and loss.

1.10 **Stock**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

1.11 **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are initially recognized at transaction price.

1.12 **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. Trade creditors are initially recognized at transaction price.

1.13 **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.14 **Corporation tax**

As a charity, the company is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

1.15 **Pensions and other post-retirement obligations**

The group operated a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the group has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due.

1.16 **Estimation uncertainly and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	5,356	194,813	**200,169**
	5,356	194,813	**200,169**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Donations	22,289	-	22,289
	22,289	-	22,289

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
User income	121,265	-	**121,265**
Ticket income	46,684	-	**46,684**
Grants receivable	175,000	1,819,463	**1,994,463**
	342,949	1,819,463	**2,162,412**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
User income	101,467	-	101,467
Ticket income	30,752	-	30,752
Grants receivable	101,247	993,408	1,094,655
	233,466	993,408	1,226,874

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Event income	43,393	**43,393**	35,189
	43,393	**43,393**	35,189

5. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from trading subsidiary	153,329	**153,329**	153,768
Rental income	6,430	**6,430**	10,096
	159,759	**159,759**	163,864

6. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Trading subsidiary costs	146,245	**146,245**	75,864
Costs of performance/events	78,716	**78,716**	62,438
	224,961	**224,961**	138,302

7. Charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs (note 8) 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities	194,890	200,418	**395,308**
	194,890	200,418	**395,308**

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs (note 8) 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable activities	454,627	178,621	633,248
	454,627	178,621	633,248

	2024 £	2023 £
Analysis per fund		
Unrestricted	**245,089**	354,739
Restricted	**150,219**	278,509
	395,308	633,248

8. Analysis of support and governance costs

	Support Costs 2024 £	Governance costs 2024 £	Total 2024 £
General support costs	174,969	-	**174,969**
Audit fees	-	11,680	**11,680**
Other fees paid to auditors	-	3,310	**3,310**
Legal and professional	-	10,459	**10,459**
	174,969	25,449	**200,418**

8. Analysis of support and governance costs (continued)

	Support Costs 2024	Governance costs 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
General support costs	165,098	-	**165,098**
Audit fees	-	7,500	**7,500**
Other fees paid to auditors	-	5,248	**5,248**
Legal and professional	-	775	**775**
	165,098	13,523	**178,621**

9. Net incoming / outgoing resources

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Audit fees	**11,680**	7,500
Other non-audit service	**3,310**	5,248
Depreciation	**60,004**	51,356

10. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**432,327**	419,478
Social security costs	**27,834**	27,309
Pension contributions	**8,532**	7,840
	468,693	454,627

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year was as follows

	2024	2023
	No	No
Full time	**16**	14
Part time	**10**	9
	26	23

No employees received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the group were £84,647 (2023 - £78,784)

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023: £nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no trustees' expenses have been incurred (2023: £nil).

12. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

13. Intangible fixed assets

Group and charity

	Website costs	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	7,380	**7,380**
Additions	4,920	**4,920**
Disposals	-	**-**
At 31 March 2024	12,300	**12,300**
Amortisation		
At 1 April 2023	-	**-**
Charge for the year	-	**-**
Eliminated on disposals	-	**-**
At 31 March 2024	-	**-**
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	12,300	**12,300**
At 31 March 2023	7,380	**7,380**

14. Tangible fixed assets

Group and charity	Long leasehold property	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Plant and machinery	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	814,857	89,580	28,558	194,513	**1,127,508**
Additions	2,122,358	25,490	7,918	-	**2,155,766**
Disposals	-	-	-	-	**-**
At 31 March 2024	2,937,215	115,070	36,476	194,513	**3,283,274**
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2023	100,032	73,138	27,223	98,760	**299,153**
Charge for the year	32,917	6,311	2,972	17,804	**60,004**
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	**-**
At 31 March 2024	132,949	79,449	30,195	116,564	**359,157**
Net book value					
At 31 March 2024	2,804,266	35,621	6,281	77,949	**2,924,117**
At 31 March 2023	714,825	16,442	1,335	95,753	**828,355**

15. Fixed asset investments

Charity	Subsidiary undertakings
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	**100**
At 31 March 2024	**100**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	**100**
At 31 March 2023	**100**

15. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the charity:

Name of undertaking	Nature of business	Class of shares	% Held Direct
Liberdade Trading Limited	Operation of bar and cafe facilities	Ordinary	100

Registered office address (UK unless otherwise indicated):

Gosforth Civic Hall, Regent Farm Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne And Wear, NE3 3HD

The financial results of the subsidiary were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Income	**153,329**	153,768
Expenditure	**(146,245)**	(75,864)
Profit / (loss) for the year	**7,084**	77,904
Net assets	**7,184**	78,004

16. Stock

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Stocks	**6,485**	868	**-**	-

17. Debtors

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Trade debtors	**39,655**	24,543	**33,159**	24,368
Prepayments and accrued income	**88,701**	96,789	**88,701**	96,789
Amounts owed to group undertakings	**-**	-	**53,049**	-
Other debtors	**842**	80	**842**	80
	129,198	121,412	**175,751**	121,237

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year

	Group 2024	Group 2023	Charity 2024	Charity 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans	**11,400**	10,000	**11,400**	10,000
Trade creditors	**18,750**	331,566	**16,664**	331,222
Amounts owed to group undertakings	**-**	-	**-**	65,084
Taxation and social security	**15,665**	7,154	**14,657**	7,154
Other creditors	**5,522**	4,405	**1,447**	2,717
Accruals and deferred income	**120,504**	43,734	**120,504**	43,734
	171,841	396,859	**164,672**	459,911

Included in accruals and deferred income is the following amount received where entitlement has not been met in the current year:

	Group 2024	Group 2023	Charity 2024	Charity 2023
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income at 1 April 2023	**30,460**	-	**30,460**	-
Amounts released from previous periods	**(30,460)**	-	**(30,460)**	-
Income deferred in the year	**17,637**	30,460	**17,637**	30,460
Deferred income at 31 March 2024	**17,637**	30,460	**17,637**	30,460

19. Creditors: amounts falling due after 1 year

	Group 2024	Group 2023	Charity 2024	Charity 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans	**14,423**	27,500	**14,423**	27,500
	14,423	27,500	**14,423**	27,500

20. Borrowings

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	**25,823**	37,500
At 31 March 2024	**25,823**	37,500
Payable with one year	**11,400**	10,000
Payable after one year	**14,423**	27,500

The group entered into a bounce back loan agreement which carries an interest at a rate of 2.5% per annum with the final instalment due on 9 June 2026.

21. Statement of funds

Group – current year	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £
General funds	613,046	551,457	(470,050)	(416,855)	**277,598**
Designated funds					
Capital refurbishment fund	-	-	-	2,358,901	2,358,901
Total unrestricted	**613,046**	**551,457**	**(470,050)**	**1,942,046**	**2,636,499**
Restricted funds					
Arts Council	-	390,027	(23,827)	(366,200)	**-**
Property Fund	259,642	194,813	(9,090)	-	**445,365**
NCIF	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	**-**
Community Funds Main Grant	-	80,000	(64,528)	-	**15,472**
Foyle Capital Project	75,000	-	-	(75,000)	**-**
School For Social SESF	3,636	-	(3,636)	-	**-**
National Lottery Community Fund	2,871	50,000	-	(52,871)	**-**
YIF Capital Project	197,677	1,079,989	(19,138)	(1,258,528)	**-**
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	114,447	-	(114,447)	**-**
The Wolfson Foundation		75,000	-	(75,000)	**-**
	538,826	2,014,276	(150,219)	(1,942,046)	**460,837**
Total funds	1,151,872	2,565,733	(620,269)	-	**3,097,336**

Transfers

Transfers amounting to £1,942,046 (2023: £475,800) were made during the year in respect of funds capitalised.

21. Statement of funds (continued)

Group – prior year	Balance at 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	144,479	454,808	(493,041)	506,800	**613,046**
Designated funds					
Emergency fund	31,000	-	-	(31,000)	-
Total unrestricted	**175,479**	**454,808**	**(493,041)**	**475,800**	**613,046**
Restricted funds					
Arts Council	-	109,970	(46,493)	(63,477)	**-**
Property Fund	271,631	-	(11,989)	-	**259,642**
NCIF	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	**-**
Lloyds Foundation	14,440	27,250	(41,690)	-	**-**
Lottery – Sport Fund	5,475	-	(5,473)	-	**-**
Community Foundation Grant	-	12,500	(12,500)	-	**-**
Community Funds Main Grant	7,083	-	(7,083)	-	**-**
Percy Hedley Charitable Trust	500	-	(500)	-	**-**
The Rothley Trust	600	-	(600)	-	**-**
Foyle Capital Project	-	75,000	-	-	**75,000**
NCC CICC Starter Grant	-	13,135	(13,135)	-	**-**
Power To Change	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	**-**
School For Social SESF	-	40,000	(36,364)	-	**3,636**
National Lottery Community Fund	-	30,000	(27,129)	-	**2,871**
YIF Capital Project	-	610,000	-	(412,323)	**197,677**
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	35,553	(35,553)	-	**-**
	299,727	993,408	(278,509)	(475,800)	**538,826**
Total funds	475,206	1,448,216	(771,550)	-	**1,151,872**

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows

21. Statement of funds (continued)

The specific purpose for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Restricted funds:

Arts Council (Capital)
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project.

Property Fund
Fund set up to account for the 50 year lease taken out on 15th January 2023 at Gosforth Civic Centre, the premises in which the charity operates.

Newcastle Cultural Investment Fund (NCIF)
Amounts received to be used for the core costs of Gosforth Civic Theatre.

Lloyds Foundation
Amounts received to be used against core costs.

National Lottery - sports fund
Amounts received to be used on sporting activities within the charity.

Community Foundation Grant
Amounts to be used for core costs.

Percy Hedley Charitable Trust
Amounts received to be used for core costs.

The Rothley trust
Amounts received to be used for core costs.

Foyle Foundation (Capital)
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project, with particular focus on Theatrical Infrastructure.

NCC CICC Starter grant
Amounts received to be used in creating an inclusive, confident community.

Power to Change
Amounts received to be used for core costs.

Social Enterprise Support Fund (SESF)
Amounts received to be used for core costs.

National Lottery Community Fund
Amounts received to be used for core costs and towards the delivery of the Capital Project.

Youth Investment Fund (YIF)
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project, including core costs during the project.

21. Statement of funds (continued)

The Clothworkers' Foundation
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project.

The Wolfson Foundation
Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project.

22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted General 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Intangible fixed assets	12,300	-	**12,300**
Tangible fixed assets	2,478,752	445,365	**2,924,117**
Net current assets/(liabilities)	159,870	15,472	**175,342**
Creditors over 1 year	(14,423)	-	**(14,423)**
Total net assets	2,636,499	460,837	**3,097,336**

	Unrestricted General 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Intangible fixed assets	7,380	-	7,380
Tangible fixed assets	568,713	259,642	828,355
Net current assets/(liabilities)	64,453	279,184	343,637
Creditors over 1 year	(27,500)	-	(27,500)
Total net assets	613,046	538,826	1,151,872

23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	**1,945,464**	676,666
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	**60,004**	51,356
Increase / (decrease) in deferred income	**(12,823)**	30,460
(Increase) / decrease in stocks	**(5,617)**	3,015
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	**(7,786)**	(101,285)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	**(213,595)**	325,001
Net cash provided by operating activities	**1,765,647**	985,213

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	Other non-cash changes	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	618,216	(406,716)	-	**211,500**
Loans due within 1 year	(10,000)	(1,400)	-	**(11,400)**
Loans due more than 1 year	(27,500)	13,077	-	**(14,423)**
	580,716	(395,039)	-	**185,677**

25. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £8,532 (2023: £7,840) in the year. At the balance sheet date amounts were payable to the fund of £1,447 (2023: £1,282) which are included in creditors.

26. Related party transactions

Charity

During the year, the group made the following related party transactions:

Liberdade Trading Limited
(The charity owns 100% of the subsidiary, Liberdade Trading Limited. The company runs the bar and cafe at the theatre.)

During the year, the subsidiary gifted its profits from the prior year totaling £77,904. At the balance sheet date, the amount due from Liberdade Trading Limited was £53,049 (2023 - £65,084 due to the subsidiary).

27. Capital commitments

The charity had a capital commitment in respect of the total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements for a building refurbishment of £nil (2023 - £1,984,740).

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	S Peace A L Golding N Forrest S Ripley D Shaw (resigned 12 December 2022) E J Denham T J Goodill (resigned 30 June 2022) J Pearce (resigned 30 June 2022) M A Geffre (appointed 30 June 2022)
Registered Office	Gosforth Civic Theatre Regent Farm Road Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3HD The charity is incorporated in Wales.
Company Registration Number	06548122
Charity Registration Number	1163955
Solicitors	Muckle LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne And Wear NE1 4BF
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc London 63 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3JW
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Bulman House Regent Centre Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3LS

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Liberdade Community Development Trust

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Our purposes and activities

Liberdade's mission is 'To raise everyone's expectations about what people with learning disabilities (pwld) can achieve'. We raise our own expectations and the expectations of society in general.

- Our work deliberately sets out to challenge the prejudice in society about learning disabled people and the contribution they can make.
- Setting high standards for the quality of work and the way we achieve it is central to the way we operate
- Creating opportunities for learning disabled people and the wider community to spend time together is central to our approach
- We believe our work leads to greater equality, quality of life and improved health and wellbeing for learning disabled people and the wider community

Liberdade (*Lib – er – dar – jie)* has a soul, it cares for people and pushes them to excel, it always goes above and beyond and doesn't know the meaning of can't. People with learning disabilities come to Liberdade to work, to train others, to expel old misconceptions but mostly to belong.

We work by using the arts and Gosforth Civic Theatre as tools for change. The change happens both within our participants and society as a whole, we use the process of performing, working, and being a member of a company as a mechanism for personal and social development.

What we do

We deliver training and provide opportunities for young people and adults with learning disabilities, the training covers; performing arts; health and wellbeing; sport; employment skills; and more. The opportunities we provide include; work experience; community engagement; leading an organisation; volunteering; and performing in front of a public audience. We also share our learning by publishing detailed information on our organisational development, and partner with a large number of other organisations and individuals.

We take part in regional, national and international events representing the learning disabled community and have set up and supported new organisatations to create further opportunities for people with learning disabilities across the region.

In 2016 we took on an asset via a community asset transfer. Gosforth Civic Theatre is an arts venue that is open to all.

Historically society has created places for people with learning disabilities to go, at Gosforth Civic Theatre, people with learning disabilities have created a place for everyone to come together.

"We wanted to provide something for the community instead of it being the other way around, here people can see that we've got skills, that we can be useful"

Ed (founding company member)

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Trustees' Report

Gosforth Civic Theatre is an amazing place where a group of people with learning disabilities are bringing the local community together to generate understanding, creativity, and change. We believe that if you bring people together in a positive and creative way then the barriers that can exist in communities are overcome.

Artistic values

Producing performance platform events, performing, and creating films enables our members to have a collective voice. It instils confidence and creativity, it promotes valuable life and work skills but most importantly it promotes social value. At Liberdade its not about how talented you are or what you can do, it is about belonging first and then finding and honing your skills to contribute to the organisation as a whole.

Our working practices have always strived for social change by raising our own expectations, those of our learning disabled members and members of the public we engage with. Using this very simple model we aim to demonstrate to society that learning disabled people are able, skilled and valuable members of a community whilst breaking down old misconceptions that hinder progress.

We use commonality in the creation of our artistic work to build connections between our performers and their audiences, we also use humor in our performances to further break down barriers.

Achievements and performances

This year we have focused on three major objectives:

- Developing and fundraising for the delivery of a major capital development of Gosforth Civic Theatre, without which the building would have eventually become unusable. This resulted in raising £2.5m to deliver an incredibly ambitious capital project which broke ground in February 2023 after instructing T Manners and Sons as our contractors. To enable this project to happen we also agreed an extension to our lease of Gosforth Civic Hall with Newcastle City Council from 25 years to 50 years.
- Continuing to build our income back up to aid our financial recovery from the pandemic, this included continuing to fine tune our business model, and securing several multi-year grants. We were however incredibly disappointed not to be successful with our application to become an Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation. Our work closely fits Arts Council Englands strategy ‘Lets Create’, and our achievements are a nationally important example of inclusive practice within the governance of cultural venues. We were told we were unsuccessful due to where we were based. We hope that Arts Council England come to value the incredible work our company members have achieved when realising Gosforth Civic Theatre.
- Continuing to use our new Theory of Change, which has been instrumental in determining what positive steps we have taken as a part of our recovery from the pandemic, and it has also helped to illustrate these steps to stakeholders. The three core strands of development highlighted by the Theory of Change are; Make the building better; Make sure everyone feels welcome at GCT; and get even better at showing what people with learning disabilities can do.

We have developed successful partnerships with regional and national organisations, these included:

- Working relationships with Mortal Fools, Curious Monkey, Curious Arts, Unfolding theatre, National Youth Agency and Tin Arts.
- We have also participated in networks including, NEIDN, North East Culture Social, Meet the programmers, Youth Investment Fund, and Locality.

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Trustees' Report

Our income streams

We generated earned income in a number of different ways, these were:

- Services delivered to people with learning disabilities
- Café and Bar sales
- Ticket Sales
- Space rental
- Donations
- Grant and trust funding

The current programmes and activities we deliver for our core beneficiaries

Dance Outreach

These are arts, participatory and learning projects delivered in local SEND Schools and Colleges with young people aged 12-24. The projects are usually 10 weeks long and provide opportunities for young people to create and perform artistic work. They include fun creative classes which introduce learners to dance technique and choreography. Learners are encouraged to be creative and work towards creating a performance piece.

Contemporary Dance and Youth Dance

Our Contemporary Dance Class is open to young people who enjoy dance. Liberdade Youth Dance is for young people who have participated in Outreach projects and want to continue their interest outside of school. Both activities are for young people aged 16 to 24 years and offer: Weekly dance technique classes with learners from local SEND Schools and Colleges who are committed to developing their skills; Opportunities for those in Youth Dance to create higher level performance work.

Skills Development

This programme is designed for young people aged 18-25 years who have participated in Liberdade Youth Dance and want to develop further, and for School and College leavers who have participated in dance elsewhere. It offers: Dance technique class - training in strength and flexibility, developing coordination and discipline; Creative tasks – learning to use bodies to express narrative, feelings and emotions, working together as a team; Choreography – making group decisions about themes and narratives to develop a dance/performance project, taking direction, inputting ideas and giving direction.

Performance Ensemble

This programme is for young people aged 20+ who have completed the Skills Development programme and have shown commitment and potential to further their performance career. It includes: Professional level classes in technique, creative tasks and choreography; Opportunities to tour work and represent the company at national performances.

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Health and Wellbeing

These programmes for 18-30's and 30+ are designed to support participants to lead a healthy lifestyle. They involve changing eating and exercise behaviours In a fun and engaging way with support & encouragement from others. They include: Helping each individual to find the right balance; Learning about how well and often participants move compared to how much and what they eat; Learning about food and discovering how what is eaten affects feelings; Learning about healthy meals; Exploring new ways to get & keep fit; Using local facilities to try new activities and work with fitness professionals; Setting personal goals; Doing meditation and improving emotional well-being through stress management and mindfulness.

GCT Gaming Social

Our super-relaxed gaming social is somewhere young people are welcome to come along, game, play, and socialise through their love and passion for all things video game.

Future plans

We have now (January 2024) significantly updated the building by improving its environmental performance, internal and external aesthetics, theatrical infrastructure, and increasing its capacity. We are now working on fine tuning our business model to maximise our earned income, this is increasingly important because of the competitive funding environment and not being awarded National Portfoilio Investment from Arts Council England.

We will continue to develop the activities and performance programme to maximise the buildings capacity to provide a service, earn income and most importantly create positive social change.

We are looking to build financial resilience over the coming years by building on our reserves (Emergency Fund), and increasing the amount of funding we are seeking from both organisations and individuals.

We are wanting to improve our organisational systems, to help deliver this change we have employed an office manager, and we are working on fundraising to improve all of our digital systems to boost efficiencies and effectively use data to drive social impact and sales.

We are currently working with the National Youth Agency to write our Youth Development Plan, this will formalise how we work with young people and will lead to an exciting youth board who will work with our SEND Shadow board to advise the board of Trustees.

Structure, governance and management

Liberdade Community Development Trust is a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital, governed by its articles of association dated 05/10/2015. Prior to this the organisation was known as Liberdade North East CIC and was a community interest company also limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

Membership of Liberdade

We have increased the diversity of our board this year by recruiting new trustees with lived experience of a learning disability, and lived experience of being part of the LGBTQ+ community. We also plan to recruit a number of other new people to join our Trustee Board as we embark on an exciting stage in our development.

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We were looking for people who can strengthen our Board and enable us to fully realise our plans for the future, We are planning to recruit trustees with one or some of the following skills, knowledge and experience:

Facilities Management (arts/hospitality) – Although we have good skills within our staff team we would like to find a trustee who can bring facilities management skills to the board.

Fundraising Events and Philanthropy - To support our fundraising strategy. Some of our income will need to come from our community and we need someone on the board who can help us to build relationships with high net worth individuals and corporate donors.

Digital and Data – To support the development of our digital systems and social impact measurement we would like to recruit someone with experience of CRM systems, and digital best practice within cultural organisations.

Governance of membership

a. Persons who wish to become members of the Charity must apply for membership in a manner approved by the Trustees and the application must then be approved by the Trustees, who have in their absolute discretion to decline it and need not give reasons for doing so.

b. The Trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of any elected Members.

c. The Trustees may make rules which establish different classes of membership with different rights and obligations, these shall be recorded in the register of Members

d. Membership shall terminate if, the Member dies, is convicted of a criminal offence, resigns, is in arrears to the Charity or the Trustees decide to terminate as in the best interests of the Charity.

The Role of the Board

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Charity, and has overall legal responsibility for all that the Charity does. Members of the Board are the Trustees of the Charity.

The Board meets at least four times a year, but will meet more frequently as required. There are also currently some sub-group meetings in addition to Board meetings to cover specific topics.

Trustees Responsibilities

Trustees have ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and is delivering the charitable outcomes for which it has been set up.

There are three key duties as specified by the Charity Commission:

Duty of Compliance – Trustees must ensure the charity complies with all relevant laws and regulations, including charity law. They must ensure that Liberdade CDT does not breach any of the requirements set out in the Articles of Association and that it remains true to the charitable purpose and objects set out.

Trustees must also act with integrity, and avoid any personal conflicts of interest of misuse of charity funds or assets.

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Duty of Prudence – Trustees must ensure that the charity is and will remain solvent. They should use charitable funds and assets reasonably, and only in furtherance of Liberdade CDT objects. They should avoid undertaking activities that might place the charities funds, assets or reputation at undue risk and take special care when investing the funds of the charity, or borrowing funds for the charity to use.

Duty of Care – Trustees must use reasonable care and skill in their work as trustees, using their personal skills and experience as needed to ensure that the charity is well-run and efficient and consider getting external professional advice on all matters where there may be material risk to the charity, or where the trustees may be in breach of their duties.

These duties are explained further in the Charity Commission Publication CC3,

The Essential Trustee. It can be read in full at (http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc3.aspx)

The Board may establish committees, advisory councils or working groups as appropriate to help it to fulfil its remit.

Membership of the Board

The minimum size of the Board is 3 and the maximum is 13

The Trustees shall use all reasonable endeavours to facilitate the creation of an informal group of service users of the Charity. The Trustees shall ensure that the views of such group are reported back to the Trustees on a regular basis, as they shall determine.

The first Trustees shall be those persons named in the statement delivered pursuant to Section 12(1) of CA 2006 who shall be deemed to have been appointed under the Articles of Association. Future Trustees shall be appointed as provided below.

A Trustee may not appoint an alternate director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of Trustees.

Eligibility to be a Trustee - Any person who is eligible to act as a Trustee may be appointed to be a Trustee by the existing Trustees.

No person may be appointed as a Trustee, unless he or she is a Member of the Charity and is in support of the Objects, and that person is willing to serve as a Trustee and has attained the age of 18 (eighteen) years, or if (had he or she already been a Trustee) he or she would have been disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

Appointment and Retirement of Trustees

Trustees shall be appointed by a decision of the Trustees. Trustees shall serve for a term of four years but shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Trustees. There shall be no limit on the number of terms in office that a Trustee may serve.

Disqualification and Removal of Trustees -A Trustee shall cease to hold office if:

He or she ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or the Insolvency Act 1986 or is disqualified from acting as a Trustee by virtue of Section 178 of the Charities Act 2011,

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He or she is deemed by HM Revenue & Customs not to be a fit and proper person to be a manager of a charity.

The Trustees reasonably believe that he or she has become physically or mentally incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs and they decide to remove him or her from office.

The Trustee resigns from his or her office by notice to the Charity (but only if at least the minimum number specified ie. 3 will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

The Trustee is absent without the permission of the Trustees from all their meetings held within a period of 6 (six) months without good reason and the Trustees decide that his or her office be vacated.

The Trustee has a bankruptcy order or an order is made against him or her in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales which has an effect similar to that of bankruptcy.

The Trustee is removed from office by the Trustees on the grounds that it is in the best interests of the Charity to be so removed. A decision to remove a Trustee from office may only be passed if, the Trustee has been given at least 21 (twenty one) Clear Days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Trustees at which the decision will be made and the reasons why it is to be proposed; and the Trustee or, at the option of the Trustee, the Trustee's representative (who need not be a Trustee) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.

The Trustee will cease to be a trustee if he or she ceases to be a Member of the Charity for any reason whatsoever, retires from office and is not re-elected or is removed from office in accordance with Section 168 of the CA 2006.

Public benefit

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit, including the guidance ‘public benefit: running a charity (PB2)’. We endeavour to encourage all within our community to take part in our activities and to attend our theatre and workshops.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Financial review

Policy on reserves

The calculation of free reserves is based on the definition included in the charity statement of recommended practice (SORP), which provides recommendations for accounting and reporting for charities. The trustees have examined the requirements of the charity to hold free reserves those - reserves not invested in tangible fixed assets, excluding long term liabilities, or designated for a particular purpose. The Trustees considered it would be appropriate to hold the equivalent of three months expenditure, which would equate to holding between £100,000 and £125,000 in free reserves.

The trustees have released the previously designated emergency funds of £31,000 back into general funds, such that at the year end free reserves were reported as £64,453 (2022: £37,320) an increase of £27,133 in the year. Note 25 – Analysis of net assets between funds gives the detail of the movement of free reserves.

Included within Fixed Assets are tangible capital additions of £468,420 and intangible (website) capital additions of £7,380 a total of £475,800. The £475,800 capital spend in the year has been funded by restricted grants from both the Arts Council and YIF – which you can reference in the charity's funds (note 25). Having received restricted funding the charity has carried out these capital works (which were still ongoing after the year end) and to recognise that monies have been spent - and therefore the restriction met – has made a restricted to unrestricted fund transfer equal to the value of the capital additions £475,800.

The Balance Sheet at the year end 2023 shows Net Current Assets of £343,637 (an increase from the prior year of £247,222). However, it should be noted that whilst this gives the charity sufficient liquid reserves to continue its ongoing capital works, the restricted funds are currently bloating this Net Current Asset figure, with £279,184 being the restricted funds within the Net Current Assets – hence the balance of Free Reserves of £64,453.

The reason for the above increase in free reserves is due to the release of the designated fund and the restricted funding support for wages relating to the project, despite the curtailed activities of the charity prior to the commencement of the capital project (which saw the charity closing its doors towards the end of its financial year whilst the planned capital works commenced). Restricted funding provided by both Arts Council and The Clothworkers' Foundation totalling £82,046 (to the 31 March 2023) was claimed against wages costs related to the project.

Key Management Personnel

The board, who give their time freely and no trustees received remuneration in the year, have considered who the Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the charity, as noted in the Reference and Administration section. Together with the board, these KMP are those in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the activities of the charity on a day to day basis. The pay of the KMP is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The trustees benchmark against pay levels of other charities and similar organisations within the sector and the region. Pay levels are set using this information together with the budget and forecast information, ensuring that the charity can afford any proposed increases. The board then agree any uplift to remuneration.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Liberdade Community Development Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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Trustees' Report

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the parent charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the parent charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent charitable company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the parent charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor
Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditor
Azets Audit Services Limited, trading as Azets Audit Services, were appointed auditor to the company following the charity breaching audit thresholds. The prior period was not audited.

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of Azets Audit Services as auditors of the charity is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12/03/2024..... and signed on its behalf by:

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A L Golding
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Liberdade Community Development Trust

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Liberdade Community Development Trust (the 'charitable parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other matter
We note that the prior year financial statements were not audited. Consequently ISAs (UK) require the auditor to state that the corresponding figures contained within these financial statements are unaudited. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the and the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquires with management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;

- Reviewing board meeting minutes;

- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates; and

- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Because of the field in which the client operates, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements: Health and Safety; employment laws, and compliance with the Charities Act.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISA's (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the event and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charitable parent company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the group's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable parent company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


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Date: 12/03/2024

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	22,289	-	22,289	50,799
Charitable activities	4	233,466	993,408	1,226,874	380,929
Other trading activities	5	35,189	-	35,189	39,268
Other income	6	163,864	-	163,864	114,161
Total Income		454,808	993,408	1,448,216	585,157
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	(138,302)	-	(138,302)	(118,812)
Charitable activities	8	(354,739)	(278,509)	(633,248)	(589,215)
Total Expenditure		(493,041)	(278,509)	(771,550)	(708,027)
Net (expenditure)/income		(38,233)	714,899	676,666	(122,870)
Transfers between funds		475,800	(475,800)	-	-
Net movement in funds		437,567	239,099	676,666	(122,870)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		175,479	299,727	475,206	598,076
Total funds carried forward	25	613,046	538,826	1,151,872	475,206

All of the group's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 25.

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Liberdade Community Development Trust

(Registration number: 06548122)
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	16	7,380	-
Tangible assets	17	828,355	411,291
		835,735	411,291
Current assets			
Stocks	19	868	3,883
Debtors	20	121,412	20,127
Cash at bank and in hand		618,216	117,914
		740,496	141,924
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	21	(396,859)	(45,509)
Net current assets		343,637	96,415
Total assets less current liabilities		1,179,372	507,706
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	22	(27,500)	(32,500)
Net assets		1,151,872	475,206
Funds of the group:			
Restricted		538,826	299,727
Unrestricted income funds			
General funds		613,046	175,479
Total funds	25	1,151,872	475,206

The financial statements on pages 14 to 35 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12/03/2024.... and signed on their behalf by:

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A L Golding
Trustee

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Liberdade Community Development Trust

(Registration number: 06548122)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	16	7,380	-
Tangible assets	17	828,355	411,291
Investments	18	100	100
		835,835	411,391
Current assets			
Debtors	20	121,237	19,837
Cash at bank and in hand		604,307	110,570
		725,544	130,407
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	21	(459,911)	(55,648)
Net current assets		265,633	74,759
Total assets less current liabilities		1,101,468	486,150
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	22	(27,500)	(32,500)
Net assets		1,073,968	453,650
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted		538,826	299,727
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		535,142	153,923
Total funds	25	1,073,968	453,650

The financial statements on pages 14 to 35 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12/03/2024.... and signed on their behalf by:

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		676,666	(122,870)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	7	51,356	50,188
		728,022	(72,682)
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	19	3,015	(1,111)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	20	(101,285)	14,240
Increase in creditors	21	325,001	9,241
Increase in deferred income	22	30,460	-
Net cash flows from operating activities		985,213	(50,312)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	16	(7,380)	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	17	(468,420)	(39,254)
Net cash flows from investing activities		(475,800)	(39,254)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of loans and borrowings	21	(9,111)	(3,389)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		500,302	(92,955)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		117,914	210,869
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		618,216	117,914

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is: Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
Liberdade Community Development Trust 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 notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Basis of consolidation
The consolidated financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 March 2023.

No statement of financial activities is presented for the charity as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The charity made a surplus after tax for the financial year of £620,318 (2022 - deficit of £160,646).

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A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is achieved where the charity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between the charity and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, are eliminated in full.

Intra-group losses are also eliminated but may indicate an impairment that requires recognition in the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group. Non-controlling interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the group's equity therein. Non-controlling interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the non-controlling shareholder's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination. Total comprehensive income is attributed to non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the group's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the group.

Estimation uncertainty and judgements
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the group has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

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Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs
Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants
Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Intangible assets
Intangible assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment. They are amortised on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives.

Amortisation
Amortisation is provided on intangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Amortisation method and rate
Website costs	over 5 years

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Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £300.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Plant and machinery	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computer equipment	33.33% straight line
Leasehold property	over the term of the lease

Stock
Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the group.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the group has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations	22,289	22,289
	22,289	22,289

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations	18,192	18,192
Grants, including capital grants;		
Government grants - CJRS	16,607	16,607
Grants	16,000	16,000
	50,799	50,799

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
User income	101,467	-	101,467
Ticket income	30,752	-	30,752
Grants receivable	101,247	993,408	1,094,655
	233,466	993,408	1,226,874

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
User income	101,837	-	101,837
Ticket income	30,473	-	30,473
Grants receivable	5,097	243,522	248,619
	137,407	243,522	380,929

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Event income	35,189	35,189	39,268
	35,189	35,189	39,268

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from trading subsidiary	153,768	153,768	100,534
Rental income	10,096	10,096	13,627
	163,864	163,864	114,161

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7 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Trading subsidiary costs	75,864	75,864	62,758
Costs of performances/events	62,438	62,438	56,054
	138,302	138,302	118,812

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs		253,543	201,084	454,627	410,395
Allocated support costs	9	87,673	77,425	165,098	173,852
Governance costs	9	13,523	-	13,523	4,968
		354,739	278,509	633,248	589,215

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable Activities	454,627	165,098	619,725	584,247
Governance costs	-	13,523	13,523	4,968
	454,627	178,621	633,248	589,215

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £13,523 (2022 - £4,968) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

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9 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	7,500	7,500	-
Other fees paid to auditors	5,248	5,248	-
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	-	-	1,800
Other fees paid to examiners	-	-	3,168
Other governance costs	775	775	-
	13,523	13,523	4,968

10 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	7,500	-
Other non-audit services	5,248	3,168
Depreciation of fixed assets	51,356	50,188
Independent examination fees	-	1,800

11 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the group during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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12 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	419,478	378,214
Social security costs	27,309	24,979
Pension costs	7,840	7,202
	454,627	410,395

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the group during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Full time	14	7
Part time	9	15
	23	22

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the group were £78,784 (2022 - £71,726).

13 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Examination of the financial statements	-	1,800
Other fees to examiners		
All other services	-	3,168

14 Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit of the financial statements	7,500	-
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	5,248	-

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15 Taxation

The group is a registered charity and is therefore potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

16 Intangible fixed assets

Group and charity

	Website costs £	Total £
Cost		
Additions	7,380	7,380
At 31 March 2023	7,380	7,380
Amortisation		
At 31 March 2023	-	-
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	7,380	7,380

Charity

17 Tangible fixed assets

Group and charity

	Long leasehold property £	Fixture and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2022	359,674	89,580	28,558	181,276	659,088
Additions	455,183	-	-	13,237	468,420
At 31 March 2023	814,857	89,580	28,558	194,513	1,127,508
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2022	88,043	55,222	22,916	81,616	247,797
Charge for the year	11,989	17,916	4,307	17,144	51,356
At 31 March 2023	100,032	73,138	27,223	98,760	299,153
Net book value					
At 31 March 2023	714,825	16,442	1,335	95,753	828,355
At 31 March 2022	271,631	34,358	5,642	99,660	411,291

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Included within Long Leasehold property is capital spend to date on the refurbishment of the Gosforth Civic Theatre. These costs, included as additions, will be depreciated once the refurbishment works are complete.

18 Fixed asset investments

Charity

	2023 £	2022 £
Shares in group undertakings and participating interests	100	100

Shares in group undertakings and participating interests

	Subsidiary undertakings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	100	100
At 31 March 2023	100	100
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	100	100
At 31 March 2022	100	100

Details of undertakings

Details of the investments in which the charity holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Country of incorporation	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held 2023	2022	Principal activity
Subsidiary undertakings					
Liberdade Trading Limited	England and Wales	Shares	100%	100%	Operating a bar and cafe at the theatre.

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Subsidiaries

The profit for the financial period of Liberdade Trading Limited was £77,904 (2022 - £37,776) and the aggregate amount of capital and reserves at the end of the period was £78,004 (2022 - £21,656).

19 Stock

	Group		Charity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Stocks	868	3,883	-	-

20 Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	24,543	12,339	24,368	12,258
Prepayments	3,149	1,681	3,149	1,681
Accrued income	93,640	-	93,640	-
Other debtors	80	6,107	80	5,898
	121,412	20,127	121,237	19,837

21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Trade creditors	331,566	10,063	331,222	7,348
Other loans	-	4,111	-	4,111
Due to group undertakings	-	-	65,084	12,854
Other taxation and social security	7,136	7,632	7,136	7,632
VAT	18	-	18	-
Other creditors	4,405	2,835	2,717	2,835
Accruals	13,274	10,868	13,274	10,868
Deferred income	30,460	-	30,460	-
	396,859	45,509	459,911	55,648

Bank borrowings

Bounce back loan is denominated in sterling with a nominal interest rate of 2.5% (2022 - 2.5%), and the final instalment is due on 9 June 2026. The carrying amount at year end is £37,500 (2022 - £42,500).

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Other borrowings
The loan with Social Investment was settled in full within the year.

Deferred income

Group and charity

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2022	-	-
Resources deferred in the period	30,460	-
Amounts released from previous periods	-	-
Deferred income at year end	30,460	-

22 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Group		Charity	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	27,500	32,500	27,500	32,500

23 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme
The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the group to the scheme and amounted to £7,840 (2022 - £7,202).

Contributions totalling £1,282 (2022 - £1,282) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

24 Commitments

Group and charity

Capital commitments
The charity was undergoing a building refurbishment as at the year end.
The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £198,474,050 (2022 - £Nil).

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25 Funds

Group

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	144,479	454,808	(493,041)	506,800	613,046
Designated					
Emergency Fund	31,000	-	-	(31,000)	-
Total unrestricted funds	175,479	454,808	(493,041)	475,800	613,046
Restricted funds					
Arts Council	-	109,970	(46,493)	(63,477)	-
Property Fund	271,631	-	(11,989)	-	259,642
NCIF	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
Lloyds Foundation	14,440	27,250	(41,690)	-	-
Lottery - Sport fund	5,473	-	(5,473)	-	-
Community Foundation Grant (Covid)	-	12,500	(12,500)	-	-
Community Funds Main Grant	7,083	-	(7,083)	-	-
Percy Hedley Charitable Trust	500	-	(500)	-	-
The Rothley Trust	600	-	(600)	-	-
Foyle Capital Project	-	75,000	-	-	75,000
NCC CICC Starter Grant	-	13,135	(13,135)	-	-
Power to Change	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
School for Social SESF	-	40,000	(36,364)	-	3,636
National Lottery Community Fund	-	30,000	(27,129)	-	2,871
YIF Capital Project	-	610,000	-	(412,323)	197,677
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	35,553	(35,553)	-	-
Total restricted funds	299,727	993,408	(278,509)	(475,800)	538,826
Total funds	475,206	1,448,216	(771,550)	-	1,151,872

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

• Arts Council (Capital) – Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project.

• Property Fund – Fund set up to account for the 50 year lease taken out on 15th January 2023 at Gosforth Civic Theatre, the premises in which the charity operates.

• Newcastle Cultural Investment Fund (NCIF) – Amounts received to be used for core costs of Gosforth Civic Theatre.

• Lloyds Foundation - Amounts received to be used against core costs.

• Community Foundation Grant (COVID) - Amounts received to be used for core costs.

• Awards For All (Community Funds Main Grants) – Amount received towards the costs of conducting user research and the development of digital services/products.

• Percy Hedley Charitable Trust - Amounts received to be used for core costs.

• The Rothley Trust - Amounts received to be used for core costs.

• CICC Starter – Amounts received to be used in creating an Inclusive, Confident Community.

• Foyle Foundation (Capital) - Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project, with particular focus on Theatrical Infrastructure.

• Power to Change - Amounts received to be used for core costs.

• Social Enterprise Support Fund (SESF) - Amounts received to be used for core costs.

• National Lottery Community Fund (Capital and Revenue) - Amounts received to be used for core costs, and towards the delivery of the Capital Project.

• Youth Investment Fund (Capital) - Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project.

• The Clothworkers Foundation (Capital) Amounts received to support the delivery of the Capital Project.

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26 Analysis of net assets between funds

Group

	Unrestricted			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Intangible fixed assets	7,380	-	-	7,380
Tangible fixed assets	568,713	-	259,642	828,355
Net current assets/(liabilities)	64,453	-	279,184	343,637
Creditors over 1 year	(27,500)	-	-	(27,500)
Total net assets	613,046	-	538,826	1,151,872

	Unrestricted			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total funds at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	139,659	-	271,632	411,291
Net current assets/(liabilities)	37,320	31,000	28,095	96,415
Creditors over 1 year	(32,500)	-	-	(32,500)
Total net assets	144,479	31,000	299,727	475,206

27 Analysis of net funds

Group

	At 1 April 2022	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	117,914	500,302	618,216
Debt due within one year	(14,111)	4,111	(10,000)
Debt due after more than one year	(32,500)	5,000	(27,500)
Net debt	71,303	509,413	580,716

	At 1 April 2021	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	210,869	(92,955)	117,914
Debt due within one year	(8,333)	(5,778)	(14,111)
Debt due after more than one year	(41,667)	9,167	(32,500)
Net debt	160,869	(89,566)	71,303

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28 Related party transactions

Charity
During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Liberdade Trading Limited
(The charity owns 100% of the subsidiary, Liberdade Trading Limited. The company runs the bar and cafe at the theatre.)
During the year, the subsidiary gifted its profits from the prior year totalling £21,556. At the balance sheet date the amount due to Liberdade Trading Limited was £65,084 (2022 - £12,854).

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Comparative Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Including Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	50,799	-	50,799
Charitable activities	4	137,407	243,522	380,929
Other trading activities	5	39,268	-	39,268
Other income	6	114,161	-	114,161
Total income		341,635	243,522	585,157
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	(103,228)	(15,584)	(118,812)
Charitable activities	8	(343,283)	(245,932)	(589,215)
Total expenditure		(446,511)	(261,516)	(708,027)
Net expenditure		(104,876)	(17,994)	(122,870)
Net movement in funds		(104,876)	(17,994)	(122,870)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		280,355	317,721	598,076
Total funds carried forward	25	175,479	299,727	475,206

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	A L Golding D Shaw V J Bartesch T J Goodill J Pearce N Forrest S Peace (appointed 4 March 2022) E J Denham (appointed 4 April 2022) S Ripley (appointed 30 June 2022)
Principal Office	Gosforth Civic Theatre Regent Farm Road Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3HD The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
Company Registration Number	06548122
Charity Registration Number	1163955
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc 1 Butler Place London SW1H 0PT
Solicitors:	Muckle LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne And Wear NE1 4BF
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Liberdade Community Development Trust

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Our purposes and activities

Liberdade's mission is to raise everyone's expectations about what people with learning disabilities (pwld) can achieve. We raise our own expectations and the expectations of society in general.

- Our work deliberately sets out to challenge the prejudice in society about learning disabled people and the contribution they can make
- Setting high standards for the quality of work and the way we achieve it is central to the way we operate
- Creating opportunities for learning disabled people and the wider community to spend time together is central to our approach
- We believe our work leads to greater equality, quality of life and improved health and wellbeing for learning disabled people and the wider community

Liberdade (*Lib – er – dar – jie)* has a soul, it cares for people and pushes them to excel, it always goes above and beyond and doesn't know the meaning of can't. People with learning disabilities come to Liberdade to work, to train others, to expel old misconceptions but mostly to belong.

We work by using the arts and Gosforth Civic Theatre as tools for change. The change happens both within our participants and society as a whole, we use the process of performing, working, and being a member of a company as a mechanism for personal and social development.

What we do

We deliver training and provide opportunities for young people and adults with learning disabilities, the training covers; performing arts; health and wellbeing; sport; employment skills; and more. The opportunities we provide include; work experience; community engagement; leading an organisation; volunteering; and performing in front of a public audience. We also share our learning by publishing detail information on our organisational development, produce films, and partner with a huge number of other organisations and people.

We take part in regional, national and international events representing the learning disabled community and have set up and supported new organisatations to create further opportunities for people with learning disabilities across the region.

In 2016 we took on an asset via a community asset transfer, Gosforth Civic Theatre is an arts venue that is open to all.

Historically society has created places for pwld to go at Gosforth Civic Theatre people with learning disabilities are creating a place for everyone to come together.

"We wanted to provide something for the community instead of it being the other way around, here people can see that we've got skills, that we can be useful"

Ed (founding company member)

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Trustees' Report

Gosforth Civic Theatre is an amazing place where a group of people with learning disabilities are bringing the local community together to generate understanding, creativity, and change. We believe that if you bring people together in a positive and creative way then the barriers that can exist in communities are overcome.

Artistic values

Our working practices have always strived for social change by raising our own expectations, those of our learning disabled members and members of the public we engage with. Using this very simple model we aim to demonstrate to society that learning disabled people are able, skilled and valuable members of a community whilst breaking down old misconceptions that hinder progress.

Performing and creating films enables our members to have a collective voice. It instils confidence and creativity, it promotes valuable life and work skills but most importantly it promotes social value. At Liberdade its not about how talented you are or what you can do, it is about belonging first and then finding and honing your skills to contribute to the organisation as a whole.

Achievements and performances

The Covid pandemic had major impacts on our organisation in the 20/21 financial year. These impacts lessened to a degree during 21/22 as lockdowns ceased and restrictions gradually eased over several months. When we reopened our doors to the public after being closed due to the pandemic, we weren't sure what was going to happen, but we were overwhelmed by the support we received, it reinforced our belief that we are a much needed and loved part of our local community.

During the pandemic we focused on 3 outcomes which were:

- To support people with learning disabilities through the pandemic
- To provide social and cultural support for our community members
- To ensure the financial sustainability of our organisation through and beyond the pandemic

We began a period of financial recovery which will continue until we build our earned income back and beyond pre pandemic levels.

We welcomed back many of our learning-disabled beneficiaries into the building and began face to face delivery again after a year of remote delivery. Through our arts and health programmes and volunteer opportunities at GCT we supported those who have been most adversely affected to begin to recover from the effects of the pandemic. We achieved this by successfully delivering 460 skills development sessions focused on arts, and health and wellbeing. These directly benefitted over 100 young people and adults with learning disabilities. We also provided over 100 volunteer days for our Liberdade Company members within our café, and at events at GCT.

When our community were allowed to return to the building they did, and at a quicker rate than we expected. We had just under 10,000 audience members and participants attend 160 cultural gigs/performances and private events and we welcomed back around 200 people who take part in regular weekly community activities at GCT.

We were successful in securing funding through implementing an effective fundraising strategy. We also continued to develop a major capital development project to secure the long-term future of the building and the organisation.

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This year we also published our new Theory of Change which has been instrumental in determining what positive steps we have taken as a part of our recovery from the pandemic, and it has also helped to illustrate these steps to stakeholders.

We have developed successful partnerships with regional and national organisations, these include:

- Working relationships with Dance City, Mortal Fools, Curious Monkey, Curious Arts, and Tin Arts.
- We have been involved in networks including, NEIDN, North East Culture Against Racism, MITNE, North East Culture Social, Locality, and Action Learning associates.

Our income streams

We generate earned income in a number of different ways, these are:

- Services delivered to people with learning disabilities
- Café and Bar sales
- Ticket Sales
- Space rental
- Donations
- Grant and trust funding

Our current programmes and activities we provide for our core beneficiaries

Dance Outreach

These are arts, participatory and learning projects delivered in local SEND Schools and Colleges with young people aged 12-24. The projects are usually 10 weeks long and provide opportunities for young people to create and perform artistic work. They include fun creative classes which introduce learners to dance technique and choreography. Learners are encouraged to be creative and work towards creating a performance piece.

Contemporary Dance and Youth Dance

Our Contemporary Dance Class is open to young people who enjoy dance. Liberdade Youth Dance is for young people who have participated in Outreach projects and want to continue their interest outside of school. Both activities are for young people aged 16 to 24 years and offer: Weekly dance technique classes with learners from local SEND Schools and Colleges who are committed to developing their skills; Opportunities for those in Youth Dance to create higher level performance work.

Skills Development

This programme is designed for young people aged 18-30 years who have participated in Liberdade Youth Dance and want to develop further, and for School and College leavers who have participated in dance elsewhere. It offers: Dance technique class - training in strength and flexibility, developing coordination and discipline; Creative tasks – learning to use bodies to express narrative, feelings and emotions, working together as a team; Choreography – making group decisions about themes and narratives to develop a dance/performance project, taking direction, inputting ideas and giving direction.

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Performance Ensemble

This programme is for young people aged 20+ who have completed the Skills Development programme and have shown commitment and potential to further their performance career. It includes: Professional level classes in technique, creative tasks and choreography; Opportunities to tour work and represent the company at national performances.

Health and Wellbeing

These programmes for 18-30's and 30+ are designed to support participants to lead a healthy lifestyle. They involve changing eating and exercise behaviours In a fun and engaging way with support & encouragement from others. They include: Helping each individual to find the right balance; Learning about how well and often participants move compared to how much and what they eat; Learning about food and discovering how what is eaten affects feelings; Learning about healthy meals; Exploring new ways to get & keep fit; Using local facilities to try new activities and work with fitness professionals; Setting personal goals; Doing meditation and improving emotional well-being through stress management and mindfulness.

GCT Gaming Social

Our super-relaxed gaming social is somewhere where everybody is welcome to come along, game, play, and socialise through their love and passion for all things video game.

Future plans

The building has re-opened and has returned to being a well used community and cultural asset, we will continue to develop the activities and performance programme to maximise the buildings capacity to provide a service, earn income and most importantly create positive social change by building social capital.

We are developing a plan to significantly improve the building by improving its environmental performance, and aesthetics, and increasing its capacity.

Initially the capital development project was planned for August 2021, this has now been pushed back until January 2023 (at the time of writing this we have just gone out to tender for main contactors, and over 50% of the funding for the £1.25m scheme has been secured).

We are looking to build financial resilience over the coming years by building on our reserves, and increasing the amount of funding we are seeking from both organisations and individuals. We have been successful this year in our fundraising efforts, however funding for the sector is very competitive, we have been preparing to apply to be an Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation, and we are waiting on the results of our application (Due Oct 22).

Structure, governance and management

Liberdade Community Development Trust is a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital, governed by its articles of association dated 05/10/2015. Prior to this the organisation was known as Liberdade North East CIC and was a community interest company also limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

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Membership of Liberdade

We have been working on increasing the diversity of our board, we were looking for a number of new people to join our Trustee Board as we embark on an exciting stage in our development.

We were looking for people who can strengthen our Board and enable us to fully realise our plans for the future. We were especially keen that our Board more fully reflects the diversity of the community where we work, we actively encouraged applications from local people, especially those who have experienced or are disadvantaged by racism, who are part of the LGBTQI+ community, or have experienced disability discrimination.

We recruited trustees with one or some of the following skills, knowledge and experience:

Accountancy/Finance

Lived Experience - We are looking for people with lived experience of a learning disability; being disadvantaged by racism; being part of the LGBTQI+ community; or have been disadvantaged by disability discrimination.

Facilities Management (arts/hospitality) – Although we have good skills within our staff team we would like to find a trustee who can bring facilities management skills to the board.

Fundraising Events and Philanthropy - To support our fundraising campaign to raise £1m pounds for our capital project. Some of these funds will need to come from our community and we need someone on the board who can help us to raise our target.

Capital project delivery – We would like to bring a trustee onboard to help us to successfully deliver this building project, and to take part in our capital development sub group to deliver the project.

a. Persons who wish to become members of the Charity must apply for membership in a manner approved by the Trustees and the application must then be approved by the Trustees, who have in their absolute discretion to decline it and need not give reasons for doing so.

b. The Trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of any elected Members.

c. The Trustees may make rules which establish different classes of membership with different rights and obligations, these shall be recorded in the register of Members

d. Membership shall terminate if, the Member dies, is convicted of a criminal offence, resigns, is in arrears to the Charity or the Trustees decide to terminate as in the best interests of the Charity.

The Role of the Board

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Charity, and has overall legal responsibility for all that the Charity does. Members of the Board are the Trustees of the Charity.

The Board meets at least four times a year, but will meet more frequently as required.

Trustees Responsibilities

Trustees have ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and is delivering the charitable outcomes for which it has been set up.

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There are three key duties as specified by the Charity Commission:

Duty of Compliance – Trustees must ensure the charity complies with all relevant laws and regulations, including charity law. They must ensure that Liberdade CDT does not breach any of the requirements set out in the Articles of Association and that it remains true to the charitable purpose and objects set out.

Trustees must also act with integrity, and avoid any personal conflicts of interest of misuse of charity funds or assets.

Duty of Prudence – Trustees must ensure that the charity is and will remain solvent. They should use charitable funds and assets reasonably, and only in furtherance of Liberdade CDT objects. They should avoid undertaking activities that might place the charities funds, assets or reputation at undue risk and take special care when investing the funds of the charity, or borrowing funds for the charity to use.

Duty of Care – Trustees must use reasonable care and skill in their work as trustees, using their personal skills and experience as needed to ensure that the charity is well-run and efficient and consider getting external professional

advice on all matters where there may be material risk to the charity, or where the trustees may be in breach of their duties.

These duties are explained further in the Charity Commission Publication CC3,

The Essential Trustee. It can be read in full at
(http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc3.aspx)

The Board may establish committees, advisory councils or working groups as appropriate to help it to fulfil its remit.

Membership of the Board

The minimum size of the Board is 3 and the maximum is 13

The Trustees shall use all reasonable endeavours to facilitate the creation of an informal group of service users of the Charity. The Trustees shall ensure that the views of such group are reported back to the Trustees on a regular basis, as they shall determine.

The first Trustees shall be those persons named in the statement delivered pursuant to Section 12(1) of CA 2006 who shall be deemed to have been appointed under the Articles of Association. Future Trustees shall be appointed as provided below.

A Trustee may not appoint an alternate director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of Trustees.

Eligibility to be a Trustee - Any person who is eligible to act as a Trustee may be appointed to be a Trustee by the existing Trustees.

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No person may be appointed as a Trustee, unless he or she is a Member of the Charity and is in support of the Objects, and that person is willing to serve as a Trustee and has attained the age of 18 (eighteen) years, or if (had he or she already been a Trustee) he or she would have been disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

Appointment and Retirement of Trustees

Trustees shall be appointed by a decision of the Trustees. Trustees shall serve for a term of four years but shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Trustees. There shall be no limit on the number of terms in office that a Trustee may serve.

Disqualification and Removal of Trustees -A Trustee shall cease to hold office if:

He or she ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or the Insolvency Act 1986 or is disqualified from acting as a Trustee by virtue of Section 178 of the Charities Act 2011,

He or she is deemed by HM Revenue & Customs not to be a fit and proper person to be a manager of a charity.

The Trustees reasonably believe that he or she has become physically or mentally incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs and they decide to remove him or her from office.

The Trustee resigns from his or her office by notice to the Charity (but only if at least the minimum number specified ie. 3 will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

The Trustee is absent without the permission of the Trustees from all their meetings held within a period of 6 (six) months without good reason and the Trustees decide that his or her office be vacated.

The Trustee has a bankruptcy order or an order is made against him or her in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales which has an effect similar to that of bankruptcy.

The Trustee is removed from office by the Trustees on the grounds that it is in the best interests of the Charity to be so removed. A decision to remove a Trustee from office may only be passed if, the Trustee has been given at least 21 (twenty one) Clear Days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Trustees at which the decision will be made and the reasons why it is to be proposed; and the Trustee or, at the option of the Trustee, the Trustee's representative (who need not be a Trustee) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.

The Trustee will cease to be a trustee if he or she ceases to be a Member of the Charity for any reason whatsoever, retires from office and is not re-elected or is removed from office in accordance with Section 168 of the CA 2006.

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Public benefit

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. We endeavour to encourage all within our community to take part in our activities and to attend our theatre and workshops.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Policy on reserves

The calculation of free reserves is based on the definition included in the charity statement of recommended practice (SORP), which provides recommendations for accounting and reporting for charities. The trustees have examined the requirements of the charity to hold free reserves - those reserves not invested in tangible fixed assets, excluding long term liabilities, or designated for a particular purpose. The Trustees considered it would be appropriate to hold the equivalent of three months expenditure, which would equate to holding between £100,000 and £125,000 in free reserves.

At the year end, free reserves were £15,564 (2021: £44,084) a decrease of £28,520 in the year.

This decrease has been supported by the release of £59,000 from the Emergency Designated fund, transferring this back to General funds, reducing the Emergency fund from £90,000 to £31,000. Without this transfer back to General funds, the free reserves would have shown a negative balance.

The reason for this reduction in reserves is largely down to the reported deficit incurred by the charity in the year to 31 March 2022 of £160,646. This is due to the financial recovery from the pandemic. When the pandemic was ending, the charity saw operating costs (of being back in the building) returning from day one (and these costs will further increase in the face of the current cost of living crisis) whilst the income returned in a more gradual way. Government support was withdrawn at the end of September 2021 and less emergency COVID funding was available, but the rise of the many variants of COVID and the general public's hesitance to go about their usual business until early 2022 meant that the funding gap between costs and income increased, largely causing the current period deficit.

This demonstrates that the charity is in need of further funding support, as it financially recovers from the pandemic and looks ahead with positive plans to increase income, and reduce its energy usage.This will be achieved by delivering exciting plans to develop the Theatre.

Principal funding sources

We generate earned income in a number of different ways, these are:

- Services delivered to people with learning disabilities
- Cafe and Bar sales
- Ticket sales
- Space rental
- Donations
- Grant and trust funding

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Key Management Personnel

The board, who give their time freely and no trustees received remuneration in the year, have considered who the Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the charity, as noted in the Reference and Administration section. Together with the board, these KMP are those in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the activities of the charity on a day to day basis. The pay of the KMP is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The trustees benchmark against pay levels of other charities and similar organisations within the sector and the region. Pay levels are set using this information together with the budget and forecast information, ensuring that the charity can afford any proposed increases. The board then agree any uplift to remuneration.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Liberdade Community Development Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Small companies provision statement
This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 28/10/23 and signed on its behalf by:

Seb. Peace

S Peace
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Liberdade Community Development Trust ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Liberdade Community Development Trust are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Azets Audit Services, which is one of the listed bodies.

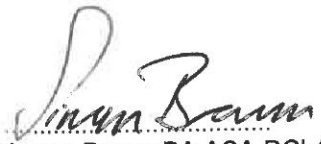
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Liberdade Community Development Trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Liberdade Community Development Trust ("the Company")



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Date: 31.10.2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	50,799	-	50,799	210,266
Charitable activities	4	137,407	243,522	380,929	502,686
Other trading activities	5	39,268	-	39,268	1,343
Other income	6	13,627	-	13,627	(2,050)
Total Income		241,101	243,522	484,623	712,245
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	(40,470)	(15,584)	(56,054)	(27,553)
Charitable activities	8	(343,283)	(245,932)	(589,215)	(451,694)
Total Expenditure		(383,753)	(261,516)	(645,269)	(479,247)
Net (expenditure)/income		(142,652)	(17,994)	(160,646)	232,998
Net movement in funds		(142,652)	(17,994)	(160,646)	232,998
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		296,575	317,721	614,296	381,298
Total funds carried forward	21	153,923	299,727	453,650	614,296

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	210,266	-	210,266
Charitable activities	4	226,202	276,484	502,686
Other trading activities	5	1,343	-	1,343
Other income	6	(2,050)	-	(2,050)
Total income		435,761	276,484	712,245
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	(13,675)	(13,878)	(27,553)
Charitable activities	8	(232,508)	(219,186)	(451,694)
Total expenditure		(246,183)	(233,064)	(479,247)
Net income		189,578	43,420	232,998
Transfers between funds		58,962	(58,962)	-
Net movement in funds		248,540	(15,542)	232,998
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		48,035	333,263	381,298
Total funds carried forward	21	296,575	317,721	614,296

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	411,291	422,225
Investments	16	100	100
		411,391	422,325
Current assets			
Debtors	17	19,837	68,703
Cash at bank and in hand		110,570	195,412
		130,407	264,115
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(55,648)	(30,477)
Net current assets		74,759	233,638
Total assets less current liabilities		486,150	655,963
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(32,500)	(41,667)
Net assets		453,650	614,296
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted		299,727	317,721
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted		153,923	296,575
Total funds	21	453,650	614,296

For the financial year ending 31 March 2022 the charity 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 charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 35 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21/10/22. and signed on their behalf by:

Seb Peace

S Peace
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(160,646)	232,998
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	7	50,188	41,902
		(110,458)	274,900
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	17	48,866	(29,187)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	18	19,393	(2,646)
Net cash flows from operating activities		(42,199)	243,067
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	15	(39,254)	(91,601)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of loans and borrowings	18	(3,389)	(14,049)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(84,842)	137,417
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		195,412	57,995
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		110,570	195,412

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is: Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
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 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Liberdade Community Development Trust 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 notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The charity (and group) are small and the charity has taken advantage of the exemption and has not produced group accounts.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Estimation uncertainty and judgements
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Ticket income is recognised at invoiced amount excluding value added tax and is credited to income in the period to which it relates.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Other trading activities

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided) and as the rental and service charges fall due.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants
Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £300.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Plant and machinery	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computer equipment	33.33% straight line
Leasehold property	over the term of the lease

Current asset investments
Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Capital asset fund, which is a designated fund, has been set up to reflect the net book value of capital assets purchases through restricted funding from Suez Community Trust. Newcastle City Council, Awards for All, The People's Project and The Arts Council. The fund is being reduced each year in line with the charity's depreciation policy.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Hire purchase and finance leases

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	18,192	-	18,192	33,059
Grants, including capital grants;				
Government grants - CJRS	16,607	-	16,607	133,181
Government grants - business support	16,000	-	16,000	44,026
Total for 2022	50,799	-	50,799	210,266
Total for 2021	210,266	-	210,266	

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Analysis of donations				
Big Give Charity	9,950	-	9,950	18,168
General	8,242	-	8,242	14,891
	18,192	-	18,192	33,059

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
User income	101,837	-	101,837	136,879
Ticket income	30,473	-	30,473	6,448
Grants receivable	5,097	243,522	248,619	359,359
Total for 2022	137,407	243,522	380,929	502,686
Total for 2021	226,202	276,484	502,686	

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2020 £
Analysis of grants receivable				
Percy Hedley Charitable Trust	-	500	500	-
Newcastle Culture Fund	-	-	-	19,758
Chrysalis Fund	5,097	-	5,097	-
The Rothley Trust	-	600	600	-
Power to Change	-	-	-	25,000
BBC Youth Investment	-	30,446	30,446	-
Community Foundation	-	22,500	22,500	-
NCIF	-	40,000	40,000	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	25,000	25,000	-
Arts Council	-	104,476	104,476	145,568
Tudor Trust	-	-	-	50,000
Esmee Fairbairn	-	-	-	25,000
Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery	-	20,000	20,000	-
Big Lottery	-	-	-	74,000
Northstar Foundation	-	-	-	12,875
Austin & Hope	-	-	-	1,000
Lottery Sport Fund	-	-	-	6,158
	5,097	243,522	248,619	359,359

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total 2021 £
Total for 2022	39,268	-	39,268	1,343
Total for 2021	1,343	-	1,343	

Trading income comprises rental income and income from events

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Other income	13,627	-	13,627	(2,050)
Total for 2021	(2,050)	-	(2,050)	

Other income comprises income from room hire and other event income, including refunds in 2021.

7 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Costs of performances/events	40,470	15,584	56,054	27,553
	40,470	15,584	56,054	27,553

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8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Wages and salaries	177,446	200,768	378,214	302,019
Employers NIC	6,839	18,140	24,979	18,218
Staff pensions	1,971	5,231	7,202	5,914
Governance costs (note 9)	4,968	-	4,968	3,828
Support costs (note 9)	152,059	21,793	173,852	121,715
Total for 2022	343,283	245,932	589,215	451,694
Total for 2021	232,508	219,186	451,694	

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9 Analysis of governance and support costs

Raising funds expenditure

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Governance costs £	Other support costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Bank charges	-	362	362	402
Cleaning	-	15,371	15,371	4,432
Depreciation	-	50,188	50,188	41,902
Insurance	-	5,475	5,475	6,383
Light and heat	-	16,067	16,067	9,475
Printing, stationery and postage	-	1,273	1,273	1,252
Rates	-	6,005	6,005	5,663
Repairs and maintenance	-	12,227	12,227	13,641
Staff training	-	1,575	1,575	6,633
Licensing and memberships	-	1,800	1,800	701
Telephone	-	4,440	4,440	3,663
Computer software and maintenance costs	-	2,602	2,602	3,234
Hire of plant and machinery	-	3,881	3,881	3,299
Sundry expenses (inc irrecoverable VAT)	-	22,273	22,273	285
Travel and subsistence	-	902	902	139
Advertising	-	14,938	14,938	2,864
Legal and professional fees	-	13,603	13,603	17,747
Independent examination fees	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Other interest payable	-	870	870	-
Accountancy fees	3,168	-	3,168	2,028
	4,968	173,852	178,820	125,543

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10 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year include:

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	50,188	41,902

11 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	378,214	302,019
Social security costs	24,979	18,218
Pension costs	7,202	5,914
	410,395	326,151

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Full Time	7	5
Part Time	15	13
	22	18

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £71,726 (2021 - £70,000).

13 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,800	1,800

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14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2021	359,674	27,799	85,560	146,801	619,834
Additions	-	759	4,020	34,475	39,254
At 31 March 2022	359,674	28,558	89,580	181,276	659,088
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2021	76,054	18,522	38,569	64,464	197,609
Charge for the year	11,989	4,394	16,653	17,152	50,188
At 31 March 2022	88,043	22,916	55,222	81,616	247,797
Net book value					
At 31 March 2022	271,631	5,642	34,358	99,660	411,291
At 31 March 2021	283,620	9,277	46,991	82,337	422,225

16 Fixed asset investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Shares in group undertakings and participating interests	100	100

The above is the investment in the trading subsidiary company, Liberdade Trading Limited, a 100% subsidiary.

Subsidiaries

The profit for the financial period of Liberdade Trading Limited was £37,776 (2021 - £(5,116)) and the aggregate amount of capital and reserves at the end of the period was £21,656 (2021 - £(16,120)).

17 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	12,258	15,206
Due from group undertakings	-	34,336
Prepayments	1,681	14,252
Other debtors	5,898	4,909
	19,837	68,703

Amounts due from group undertakings are due on demand.

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,348	3,935
Other loans	14,111	8,333
Due to group undertakings	12,854	-
Other taxation and social security	7,632	5,099
Other creditors	2,835	4,019
Accruals	10,868	9,091
	55,648	30,477

Accruals includes deferred income of £44 (2021 £2,817).

Borrowings
The Bounce Back Loan Scheme is denominated in sterling with a nominal interest rate of 2.5% (2021 - 2.5%), and the final instalment is due on 9 June 2026. The carrying amount at year end is £42,500 (2021 - £50,000).

A further loan with Social Investment (repayable in September 2022) is denominated in Sterling with a nominal interest rate of 7.5% and has a carrying value of £4,112.

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19 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other loans	32,500	41,667

Included in the creditors are the following amounts due after more than five years:

	2022	2021
	£	£
After more than five years by instalments	-	2,500

20 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £7,202 (2021 - £5,914).

Contributions totalling £1,282 (2021 - £925) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

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21 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Fund	91,097	241,101	(308,753)	99,478	122,923
Designated					
Capital Asset Fund	40,478	-	-	(40,478)	-
Emergency Fund	90,000	-	-	(59,000)	31,000
2022 Recovery Fund	75,000	-	(75,000)	-	-
	205,478	-	(75,000)	(99,478)	31,000
Total unrestricted funds	296,575	241,101	(383,753)	-	153,923
Restricted funds					
Arts Council	9,547	5,530	(15,077)	-	-
Property Fund	283,620	-	(11,989)	-	271,631
NCIF	6,827	-	(6,827)	-	-
Tudor Trust	182	-	(182)	-	-
Newcastle Building Society	2,421	-	(2,421)	-	-
Tudor Trust - Mental Health Awareness	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Austin & Hope	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Lloyds Foundation	5,966	-	(5,966)	-	-
Lottery - Sport Fund	6,158	-	(685)	-	5,473
Arts CRF Fund 2	-	49,801	(49,801)	-	-
Arts CRF Fund 3	-	49,145	(49,145)	-	-
BBC Youth Investment Grant	-	30,446	(30,446)	-	-
Community Foundation Grant (COVID)	-	12,500	(12,500)	-	-
Community Fund Mains Grant	-	10,000	(2,917)	-	7,083
Lloyds Foundation November 21 - November 23	-	25,000	(10,560)	-	14,440
NCIF 2021 - 2022	-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Percy Hedley Charitable Trust	-	500	-	-	500
The Rothley Trust	-	600	-	-	600

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Total restricted funds	317,721	243,522	(261,516)	-	299,727
Total funds	614,296	484,623	(645,269)	-	453,650

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General funds
General funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of charitable objects.

Capital Asset Fund
This fund has been designated to reflect the net book value of capital assets purchased through restricted funding from the Suez Community Trust. Newcastle City Council, Awards for All, The People's Project and The Arts Council. During the year it was agreed to transfer the remaining balance to general funds.

Emergency Fund
This fund has been designated for use at the trustees discretion, It is treated as the free financial reserves of the organisation and will only be used in the case of financial necessity, or for wind up costs.

2022 Recovery Fund
This fund has been designated to cover the forcast deficit in the 2021/22 budget.

Arts Council - G4A
Amounts received towards the cost of Liberdade organisational development. The funds are to be spent at the Art Council's discretion and are subject to regular monitoring and reviews.

Property Fund
Fund set up to account for the 30 year lease taken out 18 April 2016 at Gosforth Civic Theatre, the premises in which the charity operates.

Arts Council
Amounts received towards the costs of delivering arts projects.

Arts CRF Fund 2
Amounts received to support and develop the organisation throughout the pandemic along with preparation of the business for reopening following lockdown.

Arts CRF Fund 3
Amounts received to support and develop the organisation throughout the pandemic along with preparation of the business for reopening following lockdown.

Tudor Trust
Amounts received to be used against the core costs of the charity.

Tudor Trust (Wellbeing)
Amounts received to provide mental health and wellbeing support for staff and beneficiaries during the pandemic.

Newcastle Building Society
Amounts received to provide coordination and support to create more volunteer opportunities for people with learning disabilities at GCT.

Sport for England Fund
Amounts received towards the cost of providing new sport and fitness activities for people with learning disabilities.

Children in Need, Youth Investment Fund
Amounts received towards capital equipment for GCT.

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Community Foundation Grant (COVID)
Amounts received towards core costs.

Community Fund Mains Grant - Awards for All
Amount received towards the costs of conducting user research and the development of digital services/products.

Lloyds Bank Foundation
Amounts received to be used against core costs.

Newcastle Cultural Investment Fund (NCIF)
Amounts received to be used to provide cultural and wellbeing activity and events for the residents of Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery
Amounts received towards core salary costs.

The Crysalis Fund
Unrestricted.

Percy Hedley Charitable Trust
Funds received towards core costs.

The Rothley Trust
Funds received towards core costs.

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds at 31 March 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	139,759	-	271,632	411,391
Fixed asset investments	100	-	-	100
Net current assets/(liabilities)	15,564	31,000	28,095	74,659
Creditors over 1 year	(32,500)	-	-	(32,500)
Total net assets	122,923	31,000	299,727	453,650

	Unrestricted			
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds at 31 March 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	88,580	40,478	293,167	422,225
Fixed asset investments	100	-	-	100
Net current assets/(liabilities)	44,084	165,000	24,554	233,638
Creditors over 1 year	(41,667)	-	-	(41,667)
Total net assets	91,097	205,478	317,721	614,296

23 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Liberdade Trading Limited
The charity has one 100% owned subsidiary, Liberdade Trading Limited. The company runs the bar and cafe at the theatre.
At the balance sheet date the amount due to Liberdade Trading Limited was £12,854 (2021 - £33,055 due from).

LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1163955

Accounts

Company registration number: 06548122

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LIBERDADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Liberdade Community Development Trust

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Liberdade Community Development Trust

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	A L Golding D Shaw M G Trobe (resigned 15 January 2021) V J Bartesch T J Goodill J Pearce (appointed 17 April 2020) N Forrest (appointed 17 April 2020)
Principal Office	Gosforth Civic Theatre Regent Farm Road Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3HD
	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.
Company Registration Number	06548122
Charity Registration Number	1163955
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc 1 Butler Place London SW1H 0PT
Solicitors	Muckle LLP Time Central 32 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE1 4SN
Independent Examiner	Simon Brown BA ACA DChA MHA Tait Walker Bulman House Regent Centre Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3LS

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Liberdade Community Development Trust is a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital, governed by its articles of association dated 05/10/2015.

Prior to this, the organisation was known as Liberdade North East CIC and was a community interest company also limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

Organisational structure

The company incorporated as Liberdade North East CIC, a Community Interest Company on 28th March 2008. On 5 October 2015 the CIC achieve Charitable Status and became Liberdade Community Development Trust.

The minimum size of the Board is 3 and the maximum is 13.

The Trustees shall use all reasonable endeavours to facilitate the creation of an informal group of service users of the Charity. The Trustees shall ensure that the views of such group are reported back to the Trustees on a regular basis, as they shall determine.

The first Trustees shall be those persons named in the statement delivered pursuant to Section 12(1) of CA 2006 who shall be deemed to have been appointed under the Articles of Association. Future Trustees shall be appointed as provided below.

A Trustee may not appoint an alternate director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of Trustees.

Eligibility to be a Trustee - Any person who is eligible to act as a Trustee may be appointed to be a Trustee by the existing Trustees.

No person may be appointed as a Trustee, unless he or she is a Member of the Charity and is in support of the Objects, and that person is willing to serve as a Trustee and has attained the age of 18 (eighteen) years, or if (had he or she already been a Trustee) he or she would have been disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of section 178 of the Charities Act 2011.

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Trustees' Report

Membership of Liberdade
a. Persons who wish to become members of the Charity must apply for membership in a manner approved by the Trustees and the application must then be approved by the Trustees, who have in their absolute discretion to decline it and need not give reasons for doing so.
b. The Trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of any elected Members.
c. The Trustees may make rules which establish different classes of membership with different rights and obligations, these shall be recorded in the register of Members
d. Membership shall terminate if, the Member dies, is convicted of a criminal offence, resigns, is in arrears to the Charity or the Trustees decide to terminate as in the best interests of the Charity.

The Role of the Board
The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Charity, and has overall legal responsibility for all that the Charity does. Members of the Board are the Trustees of the Charity.

The Board meets at least four times a year, but will meet more frequently as required.

Trustees Responsibilities
Trustees have ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and is delivering the charitable outcomes for which it has been set up.

There are three key duties as specified by the Charity Commission:
Duty of Compliance - Trustees must ensure the charity complies with all relevant laws and regulations, including charity law. They must ensure that Liberdade CDT does not breach any of the requirements set out in the Articles of Association and that it remains true to the charitable purpose and objects set out.

Trustees must also act with integrity, and avoid any personal conflicts of interest of misuse of charity funds or assets.

Duty of Prudence - Trustees must ensure that the charity is and will remain solvent. They should use charitable funds and assets reasonably, and only in furtherance of Liberdade CDT objects. They should avoid undertaking activities that might place the charities funds, assets or reputation at undue risk and take special care when investing the funds of the charity, or borrowing funds for the charity to use.

Duty of Care - Trustees must use reasonable care and skill in their work as trustees, using their personal skills and experience as needed to ensure that the charity is well-run and efficient and consider getting external professional advice on all matters where there may be material risk to the charity, or where the trustees may be in breach of their duties.

These duties are explained further in the Charity Commission Publication CC3.

The Essential Trustee. It can be read in full at
(http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc3.aspx)

The Board may establish committees, advisory councils or working groups as appropriate to help it to fulfil its remit.

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Trustees' Report

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees shall be appointed by a decision of the Trustees. Trustees shall serve for a term of four years but shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Trustees. There shall be no limit on the number of terms in office that a Trustee may serve.

Disqualification and Removal of Trustees -A Trustee shall cease to hold office if:

He or she ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or the Insolvency Act 1986 or is disqualified from acting as a Trustee by virtue of Section 178 of the Charities Act 2011,

He or she is deemed by HM Revenue & Customs not to be a fit and proper person to be a manager of a charity.

The Trustees reasonably believe that he or she has become physically or mentally incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs and they decide to remove him or her from office.

The Trustee resigns from his or her office by notice to the Charity (but only if at least the minimum number specified ie. 3 will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

The Trustee is absent without the permission of the Trustees from all their meetings held within a period of 6 (six) months without good reason and the Trustees decide that his or her office be vacated.

The Trustee has a bankruptcy order or an order is made against him or her in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales which has an effect similar to that of bankruptcy.

The Trustee is removed from office by the Trustees on the grounds that it is in the best interests of the Charity to be so removed. A decision to remove a Trustee from office may only be passed if, the Trustee has been given at least 21 (twenty one) Clear Days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Trustees at which the decision will be made and the reasons why it is to be proposed; and the Trustee or, at the option of the Trustee, the Trustee's representative (who need not be a Trustee) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.

The Trustee will cease to be a trustee if he or she ceases to be a Member of the Charity for any reason whatsoever, retires from office and is not re-elected or is removed from office in accordance with Section 168 of the CA 2006.

Arrangements for setting key management personnel remuneration

No part of the income or property of the Charity shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to Members of the Charity.

This shall not prevent any payment in good faith by the Charity to members, who are not trustees or connected parties, for the reasonable and proper use of any goods and services.

Expenses may be reimbursed for any reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred when acting on behalf of the Charity.

The board set the remuneration based on the financial position of the charity and by taking into account salary rates of people in similar jobs.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Liberdade's mission is to raise everyone's expectations about what people with learning disabilities (pwld) can achieve. We raise our own expectations and the expectations of society in general.

- Our work deliberately sets out to challenge the prejudice in society about learning disabled people and the contribution they can make
- Setting high standards for the quality of work and the way we achieve it is central to the way we operate
- Creating opportunities for learning disabled people and the wider community to spend time together is central to our approach
- We believe our work leads to greater equality, quality of life and improved health and wellbeing for learning disabled people and the wider community

Liberdade (Lib - er - dar - jie) has a soul, it cares for people and pushes them to excel, it always goes above and beyond and doesn't know the meaning of can't. People with learning disabilities come to Liberdade to work, to train others, to expel old misconceptions but mostly to belong.

We work by using arts and social enterprise as a tool for change, both within our participants and society as a whole, we use the process of performing and being a member of a company as a mechanism for personal and social development.

What we do
Since 2008, we have delivered training, social enterprise support, research, film production and workshops with a huge number of organisations and people. We have taken part in regional, national and international events representing the learning disabled community and have set up and supported new organisatations to create further opportunities for people with learning disabilities across the region. In 2016 we took on an asset via a community asset transfer, Gosforth Civic Theatre is an arts venue that is open to all.

Historically society has created places for pwld to go at Gosforth Civic Theatre people with learning disabilities are creating a place for everyone to come together.

"We wanted to provide something for the community instead of it being the other way around, here people can see that we've got skills, that we can be useful"
Ed company member

Gosforth Civic Theatre is an amazing place where a group of people with learning disabilities are bringing the local community together to generate understanding, creativity, and change. We believe that if you bring people together in a positive and creative way then the barriers that can exist in communities are overcome.

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Trustees' Report

Artistic values
Our working practices have always strived for social change by raising our own expectations, those of our learning disabled members and members of the public we engage with. Using this very simple model we aim to demonstrate to society that learning disabled people are able, skilled and valuable members of a community whilst breaking down old misconceptions that hinder progress.

Performing and creating films enables our members to have a collective voice. It instils confidence and creativity, it promotes valuable life and work skills but most importantly it promotes social value. At Liberdade its not about how talented you are or what you can do, it is about belonging first and then finding and honing your skills to contribute to the organisation as a whole.

Fundraising disclosures

The charity is required to report how it deals with fundraising from the public. The charity does not use a professional fundraiser or commercial participator to raise funds. Any monies raised direct from the public follows all guidelines set out by the Charity Commission and UK law in every respect. We respect the privacy and contact preferences of all public donors.

In 2008 we were 100% grant funded, by 2012 we had become financially sustainable while furthering our social and charitable aims. Since taking on GCT as an asset transfer we require core and project funding to support our activities while we develop our income streams.

The building provides multiple income streams and our activity generates income by running the following four initiatives:

(1) **The Liberdade Cultural Internship**
Set up to give young people with learning disabilities the opportunity to develop skills and gain experience of working in a theatre company. The internship consists of a peer learning and mentoring programme with our company members. Interns are able to discover what makes them tick and how they can pursue their interests.

(2) **The Yip Yap Amigo's**
The Yip-Yap Amigo's originally formed as a drama group in 2007 with a learning disabled resident of the west end of Newcastle. The group was made up of people with a diverse range of abilities. When the day centre they attended was due to close in 2011 Liberdade worked with the council to enable the group to pool their direct payments so they could keep their long term friendships going and take part in activities together. (New members are always welcome.)

(3) **Drama, Physical Theatre and Film**
This course includes the opportunity to devise pieces of theatre and to perform live and also to devise and shoot short films. It's about encouraging participants to see any work created as "Theirs". The emphasis is on developing ownership and empowerment in the work that is created.

(4) **Health and Wellbeing**
Participants have the opportunity to work with top sports and fitness coaches on activities such as athletics, team sports, martial arts, trampoline, dance and fitness classes. The staff team work to create individual health and fitness plans highlighting specific personal needs and goals.

These initiatives are primarily paid for by peoples 'direct payments' (funding received from an individuals local authority to procure their own support services). Although direct payments have been around since 1997 they were not widely used until 2008 when local authority run day services were being shut down due to government cost cutting. The majority of our participants pay in this way however when someone cannot get the necessary funding and are not in a position to pay privately it is our policy to offer free services to current company members.

Public benefit

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. We endeavour to encourage all within our community to take part in our activities and to attend our theatre and workshops.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance
During 20 – 21 the pandemic has shaped how, and what we delivered. The Theatre was closed for the majority of the year due to government restrictions which meant our ability to earn income and create social impact was severely restricted.

We initially moved all of the programmes we deliver to people with learning disabilities and autism on to Zoom and supported our beneficiaries to learn to use the software. We delivered seven sessions a week remotely, and when restrictions allowed, we delivered face to face as well as remotely. In total we delivered 294 remote sessions and 48 face to face sessions of support to our learning-disabled participants. Due to government restrictions very little official volunteering was able to take place during the year.

We have developed successful partnerships with regional and national organisations, these include:

• Working relationships with Dance City, Mortal Fools, Curious Monkey, Curious Arts, and Tin Arts.
• We have been involved in networks including, NEIDN, North East Culture Against Racism, MITNE, North East Culture Social, Locality, and Action Learning associates.

Our income streams

We generate earned income in a number of different ways, these are:

• Services delivered to people with learning disabilities
• Café and Bar sales
• Ticket Sales
• Space rental
• Donations
• Grant and trust funding

The services we deliver are detailed below:

The Liberdade Company.
Set up in 2003 to give young people with learning disabilities the opportunity to learn to run, and then run, their own physical theatre company, the members of this company make up the shadow board that advises the trustees on what direction they would like to take their organisation.

Liberdade Youth Physical Theatre (LYPT).
This programme includes the opportunity to devise pieces of theatre and to perform live and also to devise and shoot short films. It's about encouraging participants to see any work created as "Theirs". The emphasis is on developing skills, confidence, ownership, and empowerment.

Health and Wellbeing.
Participants have the opportunity to work with top sports and fitness coaches on activities such as athletics, team sports, martial arts, trampoline, dance and fitness classes. The staff team work to create individual health and fitness plans highlighting specific personal needs and goals.

These initiatives are primarily paid for by peoples 'direct payments' (funding received from an individual's local authority to procure their own support services).
The majority of our participants pay in this way, however when someone cannot get the necessary funding, and are not in a position to pay privately, it is our policy to offer free services to current company members.

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Trustees' Report

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The calculation of free reserves is based on the definition included in the charity statement of recommended practice (SORP), which provides recommendations for accounting and reporting for charities. The trustees have examined the requirements of the charity to hold free reserves - those reserves not invested in tangible fixed assets, excluding long term liabilities, or designated for a particular purpose. The Trustees considered it would be appropriate to hold the equivalent of three months expenditure, which would equate to holding between £100,000 and £125,000 in free reserves.

At the year end, free reserves were £44,084 (2020: 14,316), an increase of £29,768 in the year.

Principal funding sources

We generate earned income in a number of different ways, these are:

- Services delivered to people with learning disabilities
- Cafe and Bar sales
- Ticket sales
- Space rental
- Donations
- Grant and trust funding

Key Management Personnel

The board, who give their time freely and no trustees received remuneration in the year, have considered who the Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the charity, as noted in the Reference and Administration section. Together with the board, these KMP are those in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the activities of the charity on a day to day basis. The pay of the KMP is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The trustees benchmark against pay levels of other charities and similar organisations within the sector and the region. Pay levels are set using this information together with the budget and forecast information, ensuring that the charity can afford any proposed increases. The board then agree any uplift to remuneration.

Trustees' Report

Plans for future periods
The building has Just re-opened and has returned to being a well-used community and cultural asset. We will continue to develop the activities and performance programme to maximise the buildings capacity to provide a service, earn income and most importantly create positive social change by building social capital.

During this year we have used the time to make improvements to the facilities on offer in the theatre, replacing the public toilets and the commercial kitchen to improve our ability to deliver events profitably. We have also used the time to further develop exciting plans to carry out major capital improvements to the building. These plans will radically improve its environmental performance (reflecting our environmental commitments) and aesthetics and increase its capacity through the addition of an extension.

Our plans for the building have 4 aims:

- To increase the number and range of programmes and activities offered both to people with learning disabilities and autism, and local community members
- To expand the theatre's capacity and improve and enhance its facilities to increase the income it generates (building our financial resilience)
- To enable us to raise 85% of our annual income from our trading activities by 2026
- To improve the buildings environmental impact

Initially this capital development project was planned for August 2021 but has now been pushed back until early 2023. We have used the year to do lots of preparatory work, bringing in expert agencies to carry out energy and acoustic assessments of the building. At the time of writing this we are about to go for planning permission for the proposed works.

We are also looking to build our financial resilience over the coming years by growing our reserves and increasing the amount of funding we raise from both organisations and individuals. We have been successful this year in our fundraising efforts, retaining all our valued staff team during this very difficult period. However, we anticipate funding for the sector is likely to get very competitive over the next few years, and that capital funding programmes may not be high on priority lists.

Given this, we have also been working to develop a robust business plan and sustainable fundraising strategy to support our fundraising efforts.

Going concern
The charity's forecasts and projections for the next twelve months show that the charity should be able to continue in operational existence for that period, taking into account reasonable possible changes in trading performance and the potential impact on the business of possible future scenarios arising from the impact of COVID-19. This also considers the effectiveness of available measures to assist in mitigating the impact.

The trustees have considered the resources available along with the principle risks as set out below. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charities ability to continue as a going concern, given their explanation in note 2 of the accounts.

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Trustees' Report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
The trustees (who are also the directors of Liberdade Community Development Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

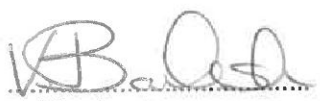
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Small companies provision statement
This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Reappointment of examiner
In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of MHA Tait Walker as independent examiner of the charity is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 24/9/21. and signed on its behalf by:



V J Bartesch
Trustee

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Liberdade Community Development Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 13 to 34.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Liberdade Community Development Trust (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Liberdade Community Development Trust are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since Liberdade Community Development Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Liberdade Community Development Trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Liberdade Community Development Trust



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Date: 28-9-24

MHA Tait Walker is a trading name of Tait Walker LLP.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	210,266	-	210,266	31,863
Charitable activities	4	226,202	276,484	502,686	348,924
Other trading activities	5	1,343	-	1,343	24,722
Other income	6	(2,050)	-	(2,050)	33,520
Total Income		435,761	276,484	712,245	439,029
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	(13,675)	(13,878)	(27,553)	(80,543)
Charitable activities	8	(232,508)	(219,186)	(451,694)	(386,560)
Total Expenditure		(246,183)	(233,064)	(479,247)	(467,103)
Net income/(expenditure)		189,578	43,420	232,998	(28,074)
Transfers between funds		58,962	(58,962)	-	-
Net movement in funds		248,540	(15,542)	232,998	(28,074)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		48,035	333,263	381,298	409,372
Total funds carried forward	23	296,575	317,721	614,296	381,298

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 23.

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2020
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	31,863	-	31,863
Charitable activities	4	201,782	147,142	348,924
Other trading activities	5	24,722	-	24,722
Other income	6	33,520	-	33,520
Total income		291,887	147,142	439,029
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7	(55,581)	(24,962)	(80,543)
Charitable activities	8	(280,570)	(105,990)	(386,560)
Total expenditure		(336,151)	(130,952)	(467,103)
Net (expenditure)/income		(44,264)	16,190	(28,074)
Transfers between funds		60,522	(60,522)	-
Net movement in funds		16,258	(44,332)	(28,074)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		31,777	377,595	409,372
Total funds carried forward	23	48,035	333,263	381,298

Liberdade Community Development Trust

(Registration number: 06548122)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	422,225	372,526
Investments	16	100	100
		422,325	372,626
Current assets			
Debtors	17	68,703	39,516
Cash at bank and in hand	18	195,412	57,995
		264,115	97,511
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	19	(30,477)	(45,541)
Net current assets		233,638	51,970
Total assets less current liabilities		655,963	424,596
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(41,667)	(43,298)
Net assets		614,296	381,298
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted		317,721	333,263
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted		296,575	48,035
Total funds	23	614,296	381,298

For the financial year ending 31 March 2021 the charity 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 charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- 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.

Liberdade Community Development Trust

(Registration number: 06548122)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

The financial statements on pages 14 to 36 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 24/9/21 and signed on their behalf by:



V J Bartesch
Trustee

Liberdade Community Development Trust

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		232,998	(28,074)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	7	41,902	35,418
		274,900	7,344
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	17	(29,187)	19,359
Decrease in creditors	19	(2,646)	(9,782)
Net cash flows from operating activities		243,067	16,921
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	15	(91,601)	(2,176)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of loans and borrowings	19	(14,049)	(21,979)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		137,417	(7,234)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		57,995	65,229
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		195,412	57,995

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is: Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
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 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Liberdade Community Development Trust 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 notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The charity (and group) are small and the charity has taken advantage of the exemption and has not produced group accounts.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the charity will continue in operational existence for the forseeable future.

The charity meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash generated from operations.

The charity's forecasts and projections for the next twelve months show that the charity should be able to continue in operational existence for that period, taking into account reasonable possible changes in trading performance and the potential impact on the business of possible future scenarios arising from the impact of COVID-19. This also considers the effectiveness of available measures to assist in mitigating the impact.

Estimation uncertainty and judgements
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Ticket income is recognised at invoiced amount excluding value added tax and is credited to income in the period to which it relates.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Other trading activities

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided) and as the rental and service charges fall due.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants
Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £300.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Plant and machinery	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computer equipment	33.33% straight line
Leasehold property	over the term of the lease

Current asset investments
Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Capital asset fund, which is a designated fund, has been set up to reflect the net book value of capital assets purchases through restricted funding from Suez Community Trust. Newcastle City Council, Awards for All, The People's Project and The Arts Council. The fund is being reduced each year in line with the charity's depreciation policy.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Hire purchase and finance leases
Rental applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations	33,059	33,059
Grants, including capital grants;		
Government grants - CJRS	133,181	133,181
Government grants - business support	44,026	44,026
	210,266	210,266

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations	31,863	31,863
	31,863	31,863

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Analysis of donations			
Big Give Charity	18,168	18,168	6,072
General	14,891	14,891	25,791
	33,059	33,059	31,863

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
User income	136,879	-	136,879
Ticket income	6,448	-	6,448
Grants receivable	82,875	276,484	359,359
	226,202	276,484	502,686

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
User income	147,891	-	147,891
Ticket income	35,287	-	35,287
Grants receivable	5,242	147,142	152,384
Management charge received	13,362	-	13,362
	201,782	147,142	348,924

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Analysis of grants receivable				
Catherine Cookson	-	-	-	500
Newcastle Culture Fund	-	19,758	19,758	19,641
Bailey Thomas	-	-	-	8,000
Co-op	-	-	-	2,242
Power to Change	-	25,000	25,000	500
LGA Foundation	-	-	-	3,000
Access Reach	-	-	-	6,200
Asda Foundation	-	-	-	8,969
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	-	-	14,737
Arts Council	-	145,568	145,568	24,775
Tudor Trust	45,000	5,000	50,000	30,000
Esmee Fairbairn	25,000	-	25,000	30,000
Northumbrian Water	-	-	-	1,000
Newcastle Building Society	-	-	-	2,820
Big Lottery	-	74,000	74,000	-
Northstar Foundation	12,875	-	12,875	-
Austin & Hope	-	1,000	1,000	-
Lottery Sport Fund	-	6,158	6,158	-
	82,875	276,484	359,359	152,384

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Trading income	1,343	1,343	24,722

Trading income comprises rental income and income from events.

6 Other income

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Other income	(2,050)	(2,050)	33,520

Other income comprises income from room hire and other event income.

7 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Costs of performances/events	13,675	13,878	27,553	80,543
	13,675	13,878	27,553	80,543

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Wages and salaries	141,698	160,321	302,019	226,987
Employers NIC	4,988	13,230	18,218	17,519
Staff pensions	1,619	4,295	5,914	5,428
Governance costs (note 9)	3,828	-	3,828	5,871
Support costs (note 9)	80,375	41,340	121,715	130,755
	232,508	219,186	451,694	386,560

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Wages and salaries	141,698	160,321	302,019
Employers NIC	4,988	13,230	18,218
Staff pensions	1,619	4,295	5,914
Governance costs (note 9)	3,828	-	3,828
Support costs (note 9)	80,375	41,340	121,715
Total for 2021	232,508	219,186	451,694
Total for 2020	280,570	105,990	386,560

9 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Governance costs £	Other support costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Bank charges	-	402	402	1,490
Cleaning	-	4,432	4,432	12,647
Depreciation	-	41,902	41,902	35,418
Insurance	-	6,383	6,383	3,659
Light and heat	-	9,475	9,475	15,351
Printing, stationery and postage	-	1,252	1,252	772
Rates	-	5,663	5,663	5,944
Repairs and maintenance	-	13,641	13,641	13,239
Staff training	-	6,633	6,633	1,061
Licensing and memberships	-	701	701	2,908
Telephone	-	3,663	3,663	3,816
Computer software and maintenance costs	-	3,234	3,234	3,093
Hire of plant and machinery	-	3,299	3,299	2,974
Sundry expenses (inc irrecoverable VAT)	-	285	285	(2,526)
Travel and subsistence	-	139	139	2,692
Advertising	-	2,864	2,864	15,010
Legal and professional fees	-	17,747	17,747	6,950
Independent examination fees	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Other interest payable	-	-	-	6,257
Accountancy fees	2,028	-	2,028	4,071
	3,828	121,715	125,543	136,626

10 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	41,902	35,418

11 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	302,019	226,987
Social security costs	18,218	17,519
Pension costs	5,914	5,428
	326,151	249,934

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Full Time	5	6
Part Time	13	18
	18	24

During the year nil (2020 - £59,236) of wages and salaries were recharged to Liberdade Trading Limited.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £70,000 (2020 - £60,687).

13 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,800	1,800

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

15 Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2020	359,674	16,190	47,104	105,265	528,233
Additions	-	11,609	38,456	41,536	91,601
At 31 March 2021	359,674	27,799	85,560	146,801	619,834
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2020	64,065	15,183	25,564	50,895	155,707
Charge for the year	11,989	3,339	13,005	13,569	41,902
At 31 March 2021	76,054	18,522	38,569	64,464	197,609
Net book value					
At 31 March 2021	283,620	9,277	46,991	82,337	422,225
At 31 March 2020	295,609	1,007	21,540	54,370	372,526

16 Fixed asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Shares in group undertakings and participating interests	100	100

The above is the investment in the trading subsidiary company, Liberdade Trading Limited, a 100% subsidiary.

Subsidiaries

The loss for the financial period of Liberdade Trading Limited was £5,116 (2020 - £(8,895)) and the aggregate amount of capital and reserves at the end of the period was £(16,120) (2020 - £(11,004)).

17 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	15,206	15,132
Due from group undertakings	34,336	23,078
Prepayments	14,252	1,306
Other debtors	4,909	-
	68,703	39,516

Amounts due from group undertakings are due on demand.

18 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank	195,412	57,995

19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,935	4,399
Other loans	8,333	20,751
Other taxation and social security	5,099	4,980
VAT grant repayable	-	2,629
Other creditors	4,019	1,070
Accruals	9,091	11,712
	30,477	45,541

Accruals includes deferred income of £2,817 (2020 £5,181).

Borrowings
The Bounce Back Loan Scheme is denominated in sterling with a nominal interest rate of 2.5% (2020 - £Nil), and the final instalment is due on 9 June 2026. The carrying amount at year end is £50,000 (2020 - £Nil).

Northstar Ventures Limited with a carrying amount of £Nil (2020 - £64,049) is denominated in sterling with a nominal interest rate of 0% (2020 - 7.5%). The final instalment would have been due on 1September 2022 but was repaid early during the year.

20 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other loans	41,667	43,298

During the year the Northstar Ventures Limited loan was repaid early and a bounceback loan taken out.

Included in the creditors are the following amounts due after more than five years:

	2021	2020
	£	£
After more than five years by instalments	2,500	-

21 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Operating lease commitments
Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other		
Within one year	-	2,036

22 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £5,914 (2020 - £5,428).

Contributions totalling £925 (2020 - £10) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

23 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted					
General					
General Fund	(6,083)	435,761	(232,543)	(106,038)	91,097
Designated					
Capital Asset Fund	54,118	-	(13,640)	-	40,478
Emergency Fund	-	-	-	90,000	90,000
2022 Recovery Fund	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
	54,118	-	(13,640)	165,000	205,478
Total Unrestricted	48,035	435,761	(246,183)	58,962	296,575
Restricted					
Arts Council	10,127	19,820	(20,400)	-	9,547
Property Fund	295,609	-	(11,989)	-	283,620
Access Reach	1,400	-	(1,400)	-	-
Asda Foundation	8,969	-	-	(8,969)	-
NCIF	-	19,758	(12,931)	-	6,827
Newcastle Building Society	2,421	-	-	-	2,421
Lloyds Foundation	14,737	-	(8,771)	-	5,966
Arts Council - Emergency Grant	-	35,000	(35,000)	-	-
Arts Council - Cultural Recovery Fund	-	90,748	(63,754)	(26,994)	-
Big Lottery - COVID 19 Fund	-	74,000	(71,595)	(2,405)	-
Power to Change	-	25,000	(4,406)	(20,594)	-
Tudor Trust	-	3,000	(2,818)	-	182
Tudor Trust - Mental Health Awareness	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Austin & Hope	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Lottery - Sport Fund	-	6,158	-	-	6,158
Total restricted	333,263	276,484	(233,064)	(58,962)	317,721
Total funds	381,298	712,245	(479,247)	-	614,296

General funds
General funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of charitable objects.

Capital Asset Fund
This fund has been designated to reflect the net book value of capital assets purchased through restricted funding from the Suez Community Trust. Newcastle City Council, Awards for All, The People's Project and The Arts Council. The fund is being reduced each year in line with the charity's depreciation policy.

Emergency Fund
This fund has been designated cover wind up costs or in case of another emergency.

2022 Recovery Fund
This fund has been designated to cover the forcast deficit in the 2021/22 budget.

Arts Council - G4A
Amounts received towards the cost of Liberdade organisational development. The funds are to be spent at the Art Council's discretion and are subject to regular monitoring and reviews.

Property Fund
Fund set up to account for the 30 year lease taken out 18 April 2016 at Gosforth Civic Theatre, the premises in which the charity operates.

Tudor Trust
Amounts received to be used against the core costs of the charity.

Access Reach Fund
Amounts received to be used to prepare the organisation to take on social investment.

Asda Foundation
Amounts received for capital works to provide community facilities.

Newcastle Cultural Investment Fund
Amounts received to be used to provide cultural activity and events for the residents of Newcastle.

Newcastle Building Society
Amounts received to provide coordination and support to create more volunteer opportunities within the building.

Power to Change - Seed Grant
Amounts received to be used to develop a community membership scheme.

Lloyds Bank Foundation
Amounts received to be used against the costs of Liberdade Community Development Trusts organisational development.

Arts Council - Emergency Grant
This funding has enabled us to deliver a remote service to our learning disabled artists during lockdown, this has been made possible by being able to strategically un-furlough delivery staff to undertake this work. We have also spent some of the grant on strategically un-furloughing other key staff to enable us to plan and then re-open the building so it can now be used safely by our beneficiaries and the general public.

Arts Council - Cultural Recovery Fund
Amounts received were used to support and develop staff throughout the pandeimic along with preparation of the business for reopening following lockdown.

The National Lottery Community Fund
The funding was to support organisations facing acute financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic.

The Tudor Trust Mental Health Awareness
This grant was towards the costs of offering staff training and support during the pandemic.

Austin and Hope
This grant is towards costs of delivering online gaming sessions for young people with and without learning disabilities and autism who previously attended GCT gaming community activity.

Sport England - Sport and fitness.
This pilot project will give 20 people with learning disabilities the opportunity to try 6 new sport and fitness activities together. Participants will be able to identify activities they would like to pursue and coaches that could work with them to develop their interest once the project has ended. It will bring together experts in their field by building partnerships between Liberdade and local sport facilities and coaches and explore how by working together we can provide a better linked up service that will enable many more people with learning disabilities to get and stay active in the future.

Transfers
Transfers in the period relate to the purchase of fixed assets using restricted funds. Once restrictions were met they were transferred to the general fund.

24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	98,127	40,478	283,620	422,225
Fixed asset investments	100	-	-	100
Net current assets/(liabilities)	44,084	165,000	24,554	233,638
Creditors over 1 year	(41,667)	-	-	(41,667)
Total net assets	100,644	205,478	308,174	614,296

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	Unrestricted			
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds at 31 March 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	22,799	54,118	295,609	372,526
Fixed asset investments	100	-	-	100
Net current assets/(liabilities)	14,316	-	37,654	51,970
Creditors over 1 year	(43,298)	-	-	(43,298)
Total net assets	(6,083)	54,118	333,263	381,298

25 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Liberdade Trading Limited
The charity has one 100% owned subsidiary, Liberdade Trading Limited. The company runs the bar and cafe at the theatre.

During the year a management charge was received of £NIL (2020: £13,362) to contribute towards the use of equipment and premises at Gosforth Civic Theatre, the property leased by the charity.

At the balance sheet date the amount due from Liberdade Trading Limited was £33,055 (2020 - £23,078).