



The Skateboarding Foundation Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Charity Number 1166397



Reference and administration details

Trustees

Charles Haigh (from 10 Apr 2016)
Richard Porteous (resigned 16 Sep 2023)
Paul Rompani, Chairman & Secretary (from 10 Apr 2016)
Stefan Schrey (resigned 4 Feb 2023)
Dominic Tretheway (from 10 Apr 16)

Registered name The Skateboarding Foundation

Charity's principal address: 215 New North Road, London, N1 7BF

Charity registration number 1166397

Trustees' Report

The trustees of The Skateboarding Foundation are pleased to present their annual report together with accounts for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) with a constitution as its governing document.

Overall responsibility for the charity rests with the trustees who are charged with setting and monitoring the strategic direction of the charity and for establishing policy. No members of staff are employed to manage the charity. The trustees, who meet annually, delegate the day-to-day operation of the charity to the Chair and Secretary who report to the trustees on a regular basis.

The trustees take responsibility for monitoring the charity's activities and constant regard is had to the skills mix of the trustees to ensure that the board of trustees has all the necessary skills required to contribute fully to the charity's development.

The charity has five trustees (and can have between three and 12 trustees). Charity trustees may be appointed for an unlimited time and will appoint new charity trustees. The trustees may from time to time appoint additional trustees either to fill casual vacancies or by way of co-option to the board.

The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment, a copy of the current version of the constitution, a copy of the Strategic Plan and a copy of the charity's latest Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts.

No trustee received any remuneration for services as a trustee during the period. No trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the charity during the period.

The names of the trustees who served during the period (and in office at the date on which this report was approved) are set out as part of the reference and administrative details of this annual report and accounts.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

- To help young people, especially but not exclusively through skateboarding, to develop their skills and abilities to enable them to fulfil their potential and participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
- To promote the amateur sport of skateboarding for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively young people

The charity's vision is a world where all young people are provided the opportunity to fulfil their potential. The charity's mission is to make a difference to the lives of young people through skateboarding.

The trustees referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and relevant supplementary guidance when reviewing the charity's aims and activities for the year and the organisational plans for future periods.

The primary activity of the charity involves delivering a programme to teach children and young people (especially those who are disadvantaged and at risk of being socially excluded) to learn to skateboard, in a structured and supportive environment, as a platform to develop their skills and abilities to enable them to fulfil their potential and participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

We aim to do this by providing accessible and affordable (or free) opportunities to attend (day/weekend/week) skateboarding camps providing tuition and equipment to teach beginner children and young people to skate and in so doing develop their skills and abilities.

Skateboarding, like many other sports and activities, has many great benefits. Children who begin skateboarding at an early age learn to love physical activity and will often enjoy the health benefits of that activity for years to come. Skateboarding is also an ideal cross trainer for other sports such as surfing and snowboarding. Other benefits of skateboarding include:

- Improves balance, coordination and flexibility
- Develops muscle strength, endurance and cardiovascular fitness
- Encourages visualisation and goal setting
- Increases concentration, focus and persistence
- Promotes individuality and creativity
- Promotes teamwork and group participation
- Builds confidence, social skills and self esteem
- Teaches sports competence and develops skills required for multiple sports
- Teaches sportsmanship and fair play
- Develops life skills such as independence, a positive attitude & respect for others

Learning to skateboard and skateboarding:

- Requires dedication - teaches young people the need for dedication, perseverance and commitment to achieve a goal
- Develops identity - skateboarding enhances social skills and helps young people develop a positive sense of identity, belonging and connectedness with the community and society as a whole
- Builds confidence - skateboarding boosts confidence, self-esteem and the knowledge that young people can make things happen in their life

All children and young people are eligible for support from the charity. Children and young people are engaged through outreach programmes and activities developed in consultation with partners in the public and not for profit sectors.

We have a Risk Management Policy that considers risks related to working with children and vulnerable people and includes a Risk Register that identifies all risks with existing countermeasures, which include:

- All coaches will have undergone Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks
- All equipment used will be built and installed to BS EN 14974
- All coaches have full third party (public liability) insurance of £5 million covering teaching, demonstrations and competition events
- At least one first aid trained person will be on site during the programme
- Parents will be asked to provide consent re photographing/filming their child and emergency treatment

- Coaches undergo risk assessments of venues and the activities in question

We have a zero-tolerance policy for skateboarding without protection. We provide the appropriate safety equipment recommended including head, wrist, elbow, knee and full body protection products in children's styles and sizes. All our protective clothing and pads are of the highest quality and helmets are UK and EU certified to the EN 1078 standard. The products are designed to be lightweight and comfortable for easier wearing and a safer ride.

A single coach can have up to 10 learners in a class. This is not only for the safety of the children, but it also allows for enough time to be spent in one-to-one coaching. All coaches undergo training in how to teach children and young people to skateboard, which has been informed by the BASI (British Association of Snowsport Instructors) qualification.

Achievements and performance

During the period the charity remained dormant.

Future plans

Plans for 2023/4 include:

- Review engagement of current trustees
- Recruit new trustees to the organisation who have the time, energy and commitment to enable the charity to achieve its objectives:
 - Identify potential partners to support delivery of the programme
 - Secure suitable space and/or facilities to deliver the programme
 - Engage appropriate children and young people for the programme
 - Identify, recruit and train coaches
 - Develop and implement fundraising events
 - Approach manufacturers/suppliers/distributors of skateboards, protective equipment and mobile ramps etc. for donations in kind and sponsorship
 - Develop social media presence
 - Develop and implement appropriate strategies to target relevant audiences
 - Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation framework to determine output and outcomes

We made plans to deliver two one-week programmes in Farnham in July/August 2023, in memory of the tragic death of a young man who was a skateboarder. Funding was identified.

Financial review

As shown in Appendix 1, during the reporting period the charity received no income (£1,550 in 2020). Costs were incurred for web hosting/domain and membership of Skateboard England totalling £98.60. This resulted in a deficit of £98.60.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Name: Paul Rompani
Role: Chairman & Secretary



Dominic Kolodziej
Trustee

Date: 12 October 2023

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Income

Donation	£0.00
Grant	£0.00

Total Income **£0.00**

Expenditure

Web Hosting & Domain Renewal	£88.60
Skateboard England	£10.00

Total Expenditure **£98.60**

Net Surplus/Deficit - £98.60

Fund balances brought forward at 1 Jan 2021 £-8.76

Fund balances carried forward at 31 Dec 2021 - £107.36