

Unleashed Theatre Company CIO

Trustees' Annual Report

January 2022– December 2022

Charity Registration Number: 1168124

Address: 35 Woodland Park, Paignton, TQ3 2ST (1 January – 31 March)
The Royal Lyceum Theatre, 27-29 Abbey Road, Torquay, TQ2 5NQ (1 April -)

Trustees for the year 2022:

Josie Mack, Brian Morrison, Richard James, Martin Dean, Katherine Tyler (Appointed 13/07/22), Joanna Leach (Appointed 02/11/22)

Unleashed is constituted as a Charity Incorporated Organization (CIO), the members of which are the trustees. The trustees give of their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefit for their services. They are selected through a recruitment process and appointed at the following trustees.

Unleashed operates an informal partnership with agencies affiliated to Torbay End Street Homelessness (TESH) including Shekinah Charity from which we rented a large performance space at Endeavour House, Torquay until vacating for our own premises. Unleashed also works closely with numerous Social Prescribing services across the Bay such as Walnut Lodge and Leonard Stocks who direct those with whom they come into contact to the community sessions.

Charity Objectives and Activities

Unleashed aims to advance and raise awareness of the Christian religion and practice for the public benefit mainly, but not exclusively, by the use of high standards of creative and performing arts within the Christian community and the wider community of Devon and the United Kingdom, including the participation of those in difficult circumstances for whom such activities are likely to have a beneficial effect on their health and wellbeing and their ability to participate more fully in society. The CIO will operate as an inclusive Christian theatre company and all its productions and projects will have a Christian/moral/ethical basis, theme or message.

The main focus of the charities activities is to manage two community groups, Unleashed Community Drama and Unleashed Community Choir. Both help marginalized and vulnerable people to develop their own skills and ambitions through drama and singing. Participation is beneficial from both a therapeutic and recreational perspective, as well as helping people to overcome wider issues. On average, up to thirty people typically attend both the choir and drama group each week. Unleashed gratefully acknowledges the enormous contribution and commitment of the many volunteers who enable the charity to stage its productions and run Unleashed's groups. The Charity could not function without their time, energy and expertise, often involving many months of intense effort.

Public Benefit

The Charity assists the homeless, the recovery community and those on the margins of society in Torbay, by discovering their gifts in the creative arts. Everyone is welcome and no one is excluded from participating. In the years since inception Unleashed has grown to include nearly 100 members across the two community groups with many stating that they feel a sense of belonging, inclusion, safety and family. Several have now progressed and have joined the volunteer team and help support new members.

Achievements

Purchase of The Royal Lyceum Theatre

Due to a private donation Unleashed was presented with the exciting opportunity to purchase a property located in the heart of the town. Situated on Abbey Rd, the former Central Cinema operated by Merlin Cinemas is surrounded by some of the most deprived wards in the Southwest of England. Dating back to the Georgian Period, this once glorious destination was originally an assembly room and later a theatre, whose visitors included the likes of Agatha Christie, Oscar Wilde and Charles Dickens.

When its former owners chose to relocate shortly before COVID, there was a real possibility that the property would be lost to re-development, however Unleashed are now proposing to return it back to its original use. As well as being a theatre, it is proposed that the building also becomes an essential hub, in the very heart of the community, enabling the charity to develop new service opportunities and to meet the needs of the very vulnerable in Torbay and South Devon.

Unleashed took ownership of the building in April 2022 and have already hosted several touring theatre companies, held events for local schools and community organisations and staged their own productions.

National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund

2022 is the final year of our National Lottery Reaching Communities funding round. The purpose of this funding was to allow for the recruitment of a paid key leader and Administration Assistant, positions which were successfully filled by Martin Harris and Paul Martin respectively. The funding allowed for general running costs to be met, media platforms to be established whilst an allowance for the purchase of electronic material was also given. It is with great appreciation that we received this funding as it helped provide stability and consistency in the delivery of our community groups. Towards the end of 2022 Unleashed were informed that their application for an additional 3 years of funding had been successful.

National Lottery Platinum Jubilee Fund

As part of the celebrations for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Unleashed were one of only 70 national charities to be awarded this fund which helped finance a series of events over the following 12 months. Over the Jubilee weekend Unleashed Community Choir and Drama performed at The Royal Lyceum for the first time and welcomed a packed house for the celebrations. In October, Unleashed also returned to The Princess Theatre to perform Under One Roof 3 'The Big Homeless Musical' to an audience of over 700. In 2023, Unleashed also

plan to produce their second short film and create a short theatrical piece which highlights the heritage of Torbay. This fund will have allowed Unleashed to perform to over 1500 members of the community and its awarding was greatly appreciated.

Unleashed Community Choir

Following on from the success of our benefit concerts in 2016 and 2017 the community choir was established in 2019 following a successful funding application to The National Lottery. Thankfully, Unleashed Choir was able to resume sessions in September 2021 with both original and new members attending. Since the move to our own theatre Community Choir now welcomes an average of 60 members per week.

Unleashed Community Drama

Following on from the success of the short film 'The Rich and The Pure' Community Drama has seen a steady increase in regular attendees with many coming on board as volunteers since the purchase of the theatre.

Paul Martin – Arts & Finance Assistant

Unleashed Action Team

September 2023

Approved by Martin Dean on behalf of the current Unleashed Theatre Company Trustees

Martin N Dean.

30/9/23

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Statement of Income and Expenditure

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income (see note 1)	577,038	41,230	618,268	61,244
<u>Less Expenditure</u>				
Sessional worker fees	51,981	60	52,041	25,934
Production costs	44,220	12,533	56,752	14,081
Travel costs	266	212	477	203
Professional fees	12,950	660	13,610	7,403
Rent and storage	4,166	-	4,166	5,888
Insurances	8,101	-	8,101	521
Training and marketing	482	-	482	2,256
Licences and subscriptions	1,006	888	1,894	811
Technical costs		1,653	1,653	-
Printing postages and stationery	109	1,948	2,057	349
Refreshments	1,583	1,387	2,970	6,883
Bank charges	606	24	629	-
Website costs	623	-	623	1,635
Other costs	-	2,440	2,440	-
	126,092	21,802	147,894	65,964
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	450,946	19,428	470,374	(4,720)

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Balance Sheet

	Restricted	General	Total	Total
	£	£	2022	2021
			£	£
<u>Assets</u>				
Freehold buildings	412,054	-	412,054	
Current Bank Account	38,584	25,059	63,643	5,518
Cash on hand	-	195	195	-
Total assets	450,638	25,254	475,892	5,518
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accruals	-	-	-	-
Net assets	450,638	25,254	475,892	5,518
Surplus/(deficit) brought forward			5,518	10,238
Surplus/(deficit) in the year			470,374	- 4,720
Surplus/(deficit) carried forward			475,892	5,518

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

Approved by the trustees on (date to enter)

Signed by

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Martin Dean

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30/9/23

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Notes

1 Income	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Ticket sales etc.	1,479	984	2,463	1,554
Donations	501,631	9,574	511,205	4,192
Memberships	-	1,825	1,825	
Grants and funding	67,955	23,317	91,272	53,218
Gift aid	274	774	1,048	1,113
Other income	4,415	4,090	8,505	1,167
DVD sales	123	360	483	-
Tuck shop	-	306	306	
Programme sales	68	-	68	
Subs	1,094	-	1,094	
	577,038	41,230	616,318	61,244

2 Fixed Assets	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Freehold Land and Buildings	412,054	-	412,054	-

3 Property acquisition

During the year the CIO acquired the old cinema at Abbey Road Torquay, to restore it to a fully functioning theatre. The property will be used entirely for the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the CIO, and is in accordance with the governing documents of the CIO.

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Unleashed Theatre Company CIO

I report on the accounts for Unleashed Theatre Company CIO for the period ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by Unleashed Theatre Company CIO. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below;

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to :-

keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act, and have not been met or

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 act

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Stephen Vincent FCPA

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to :-

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