



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 31/10/2023

From 01/11/22 To 31/10/23

Charity name: Big Voice London

Charity registration number: 1169238

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Acts as a resource for young people between the ages of 15-25 living in England and Wales by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of educational and other activities as a means of: (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent individuals; (b) advancing education.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Big Voice London provides opportunities for young people to give them an insight into the law and the legal profession, including for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A Mooting Competition.- The Model Law Commission, a project which allows the young people to mirror the work of the Law Commission.- Work experience placements with law firms and barristers' chambers
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Confirmed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Since the charity's inception, we have worked with in excess of 2750 students.</p> <p>As an example of the impact our work has, following one of our projects in 2020, 96.4% of the student participants stated that they were more likely to go to university as a result of taking part in the programme. 100% said it had increased their awareness of opportunities in law. 96.4% said they felt more likely to pursue a career in law as a result in the programme. 100% said they felt the programme made the law more accessible to them.</p> <p>One alumni, who recently graduated from Cambridge University stated:</p> <p>"BVL helped me to convert a comprehensive school education into a law degree at Cambridge University. Before coming into contact with BVL I lacked confidence and aspiration, and due to lack of family connections I had met very few professionals in my life. Studying law at university, and pursuing a legal career, was never suggested to me. It was the extra dose of confidence BVL gave me, and the opportunity to meet legal professionals and engage with the field that opened my eyes to these possibilities and encouraged me to aspire. I truly believe that I couldn't have achieved with the help of any other social mobility initiative, as it is the specific approach of BVL that allowed me to realise my potential."</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity achieved a net surplus of £11,479 at the end of the period 31/10/23.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have an unwritten policy of ensuring a minimum of £5,000 in reserves are held at all times, to ensure the long-term financial security of the charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£23,242.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum and Articles of Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Limited company.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by majority vote of the members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Big Voice London
Other name the charity uses	BVL
Registered charity number	1169238
Charity's principal address	The Retreat 406 Roding Lane South Woodford Green Essex IG8 8EY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Victoria Anderson	CEO	The whole year	
2	Steven James Barret		Up to 29 July 2024	
3	Dr Nimlord David Njuguna		Up to 12 July 2023	
4	Ayath Ullah		Up to 4 December 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Victoria Anderson		
Asma Al Abbarova		
Felix Schulte-Strathaus		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Victoria Anderson		
Felix Schulte-Strathaus		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial adviser	Nordens Chartered Accountants	The Retreat 406 Roding Lane South Woodford Green Essex IG8 8EY

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	Victoria Anderson	
Full name(s)	Victoria Anderson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CEO	
Date	28 August 2024	

Report of the Directors and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023
for
Big Voice London

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for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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DIRECTORS:

Ms V F Anderson
Mr S J Barrett
Ms A A Abbarova

REGISTERED OFFICE:

The Retreat
406 Roding Lane South
Woodford Green
Essex
IG8 8EY

REGISTERED NUMBER:

09260117 (England and Wales)

ACCOUNTANTS:

Nordens
The Retreat
406 Roding Lane South
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Report of the Directors
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 October 2023.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of raising money for charity.

DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 November 2022 to the date of this report.

Ms V F Anderson

Mr S J Barrett

Ms A A Abbarova

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

Dr N D Njuguna - resigned 12 July 2023

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

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Ms V F Anderson - Director

1 July 2024

Income Statement
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
REVENUE	25,240	7,633
Cost of sales	<u>3,011</u>	<u>767</u>
GROSS SURPLUS	22,229	6,866
Administrative expenses	<u>10,750</u>	<u>3,294</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS and SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION	11,479	3,572
Tax on surplus	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>11,479</u>	<u>3,572</u>

Balance Sheet

31 October 2023

	Notes	31.10.23 £	31.10.22 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		24,022	12,123
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	780	360
NET CURRENT ASSETS		23,242	11,763
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		23,242	11,763
RESERVES			
Income and expenditure account		23,242	11,763
		23,242	11,763

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 1 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms V F Anderson - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

1. **STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Big Voice London is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" including the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

Taxation

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Income Statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

As the entity is a charity they will be exempt from tax.

3. **EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS**

The average number of employees during the year was 4 (2022 - 4).

4. **CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Other creditors	780	360

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

	31.10.23		31.10.22	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Donations received		25,240		7,633
Cost of sales				
Other direct costs		3,011		767
GROSS SURPLUS		22,229		6,866
Expenditure				
Print, post and stationery	280		213	
Motor, travel and subsistence	7,521		230	
Website and IT Costs	2,169		2,395	
Accountancy and bookkeeping	780		420	
Entertainment	-		34	
		10,750		3,292
		11,479		3,574
Finance costs				
Bank charges		-		2
NET SURPLUS		11,479		3,572