

THE HANDS UP PROJECT

CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT APRIL 2021-APRIL 2022

WEEKLY LINK UPS AROUND THE WORLD

- Schools across Palestine linked up in weekly sessions with volunteers across the world for storytelling, conversation and cultural exchange through the shared medium of the English language. This meant that up to 500 children were benefiting every week meeting new people, sharing their lives with their peers and using creativity and self-expression to develop mutual understanding.

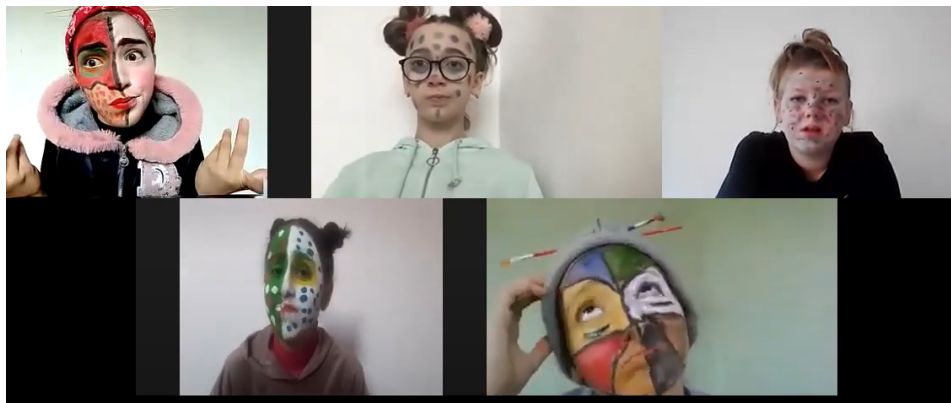


REMOTE THEATRE

- Young Palestinians performed their groundbreaking lockdown plays to international audiences. Not only did they perform with their peers in Palestine but in a new development, they began to perform with a cast from around the world. On Nelson Mandela day, the cast included children from Argentina, Spain, Romania and Palestine.



The international cast of *Live Your Life*



The international cast of *Welcome to Earth*, 2021 first place winners in our annual Lockdown Theatre competition

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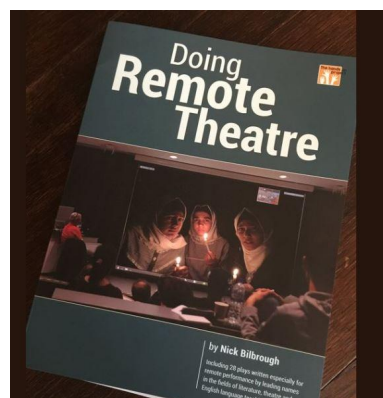
In November 2021, HUP won the prestigious British Council ELTons award for Local Innovation. The Teamteaching for Facebook Live initiative was developed in partnership with UNRWA Gaza in response to Palestinian school closures during the first semester in 2020/2021. These Palestinian English Curriculum sessions (each accessed by many hundreds of Grades 1-9 learners and their families) were led jointly by a Palestinian English teacher and an English teacher in another country.

• *"The team-teaching aspect of this has taken this initiative to an innovative level."*



PUBLICATIONS

- The Hands Up Project published 2 books; *Doing Remote Theatre*, a comprehensive guide to performing remote theatre as part of a programme of second language learning which contains 28 short plays written especially for remote performance by well-known names in the world of ELT, and *Grandma's Bird*, a bilingual Arabic-English children's story, written & illustrated by young Palestinian artist, Malak Mattar.



- The Play as a Living, Breathing Ever-Evolving Entity - an article co-written by Palestinian teacher Hanaa Mansour and Hands Up Project founder Nick Bilbrough was published in the journal *Humanising Language Teaching* <https://www.hltmag.co.uk/jun21/play-as-a-living>

VISIT TO PALESTINE

Nick Bilborough's long-awaited and much-postponed trip to Palestine finally took place in January/February 2022. He was able to visit schools throughout Palestine and to deliver the prize of 74 tablets to the winners of the 2019 Remote Theatre competition to ensure that the children can continue to write their inspiring plays. He also gave the children and their teachers copies of *Popcorn*, the book published by HUP containing their plays.

He was also able to place the ELTons trophy in the hands of the rightful winners, the teachers who planned and executed the brilliant initiative.



2021 LOCKDOWN THEATRE COMPETITION

The winners of the 2021 Lockdown Theatre competition *I can smell her*, *One World, Different Stories* and *Welcome to Earth* were presented with custom made movie posters as part of their prize,





Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - general	17,230		-	17,230	9,707
Donations - Speak Up London	-		-	-	1,333
Donations - Menter Lawen	-	-	-	-	4,251
Donations - Shieka Maryam Khalid	-	-	-	-	9,999
Donations - MJ Volkovitsch	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,477
Donations - Digital Theatre	8,000	-	-	8,000	-
Donations - University of Stirling	6,130	-	-	6,130	-
Donations - Greenall Florent	12,000	-	-	12,000	9,000
Donations - Wendy Arnold	-	-	-	-	1,000
Donations - Sol Sha One	-	-	-	-	2,000
Donations - IHB TR Centre	19,391	-	-	19,391	-
Cup Sponsorship		-	-	-	
Conference Bookings		-	-	-	
Book Sales		-	-	-	114
Talk fees		-	-	-	1,850
Sundry income		-	-	-	
Gift aid		-	-	-	
EU grant		-	-	-	17,106
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,751	-	-	67,751	61,837
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,751	-	-	67,751	61,837
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	108	-	-	108	70
Zoom fees		-	-	-	
Sub contract labour	54,777	-	-	54,777	39,534
Wages and PAYE		-	-	-	
IATFL expenses	2,085	-	-	2,085	
Gaza expenses				-	
Balkans trips expenses				-	70
Food for kids and teachers				-	
Winner's expenses		-	-	-	
Drama Club expenses		-	-	-	
Talks / training expenses		-	-	-	
Office expenses	953	-	-	953	833
Web expenses	671	-	-	671	878
Subscriptions		-	-	-	190
Other Palestine expenses	4,453	-	-	4,453	-
Palestine travel expenses	999			999	-
Tablets for Palestine	3,919			3,919	-
Book cost	6,911	-	-	6,911	1,154
Travel expenses	50	-	-	50	
Refugee conference expenses		-	-	-	
Hotels		-	-	-	
Professional fees	360	-	-	360	585
General expenses	23	-	-	23	-
Equipment		-	-	-	66
Printing and postage	203	-	-	203	
Advertising		-	-	-	155
Exchange rate variance	1,589	-	-	1,589	-
Sub total	77,001	-	-	77,001	43,535

A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Mac PC	984	-	-	984	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	984	-	-	984	-
Total payments	77,985	-	-	77,985	43,535
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,234	-	-	- 10,234	18,302
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	40,650	-	-	40,650	22,348
Cash funds this year end	30,416	-	-	30,416	40,650

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £																								
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval																									
		Dr Timothy Sayer																										
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Hands Up Project

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1170272

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Due to the nature of the charity, it is not always possible to obtain receipts for individual items of expenditure while in Palestine. On that basis it is has not been possible to verify every item of cash expenditure sample tested to the underlying documentation. Total petty cash expenditure in Palestine in the year ended 31 March 2022 was £1,791.20.

I have no other 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.

Signed:

M R Russell

Date:

4-2-22

Name: Martin Russell

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

Address: Acland House
21 Victoria Park Road
Exeter

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None