



DIMOBİ CHILDREN DISABILITY TRUST

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Dimobi Children Disability Trust
Financial statement
Year ended 30th September 2023

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Dimobi Children Disability Trust

Charity information and professional advisers

Registered charity name	Dimobi Children Disability Trust
Charity number	1170582
Registered office	Admin Building Riverpark Trading Estate Riverpark Road Newton Heath Manchester M40 2XP
Trustees	Linda Butcher Edwin (Chair of Trustees) Nkoyo Shadracks Chizzy Ijeh Tracey Peake Sherita Mandongwe Abiodun Elizabeth Opesan
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Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc

Dimobi Children Disability Trust

Trustees' Report

The Trustees, present their annual report with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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 published in October 2019.

Chairperson's welcome and summary

It has been another challenging and extraordinary year for the Charity. Having sufficient capacity to meet the emerging needs of our community members through a second COVID lockdown, on boarding new staff and volunteers, setting up a new office base and ensuring the safety of all involved, and public has been our priority.

The number of families we support has continued to grow, along with the number of disabled children and young people in crisis or in risk situations. We have had regular engagement with more families on a monthly basis.

We are proud of our high numbers of volunteers, who are invaluable assets in our community and enable the Charity to meet our community's disability and diversity needs. We are able to support our community with translation and cultural needs due to our diverse, ethnicity volunteer pool.

Our volunteer related costs and expenses are ongoing financial commitments that are vital to sustain, along with office overheads and remote work requirements. Our unrestricted reserves levels were greatly impacted and reduced due to our high service demands, changes in operational delivery and growing running costs.

I have been with the Charity since 2016, I am exceptionally proud of the invaluable work it has achieved in such a short-time to support some of the most vulnerable disabled children, young people and their families in North Manchester. On behalf of the Charity, I take this public opportunity to humbly thank our workers, volunteers and funders, who have united with us towards achieving a society in which disabled children can contribute, be valued and have their rights respected. And, to our disabled children, young people and their families, we are with you in our fight to reduce inequalities, societal stigma and discrimination. Thank you. Alice Cheetham, Chairperson.

Reference and administrative details of the Charity and its Trustees

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation foundation and was formed on 06 December 2016 as Dimobi Children Disability Trust.

The Trustees are shown below:

Linda Butcher Edwin (Chair of Trustees)

Nkoyo Shadracks

Chizzy Ijeh

Tracey Peake

Sherita Mandongwe

Abiodun Elizabeth Opesan

We are proud to have lived experience of disability and majority representation of Black, Asian Minority Ethnicities within our Trustee Board. We are reflective of the communities that we serve.

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustee induction and training

All Trustees are required to complete a skills audit to ascertain strengths and weaknesses. All Trustees complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosure.

Organisation

The Board of Trustees carries responsibility for the efficient and effective management of the charity. The Board generally meet up to 10 occasions per year. Collective decision making and minutes of Trustee meetings are recorded, and signed off, for transparent, governance purpose.

The Trustees also have an engagement structure to ensure inclusive practice and local community involvement:

- Parent Forum
- Co-Production Group

Minutes of actions from all such community meetings are circulated to the Board of Trustees.

The Charity regularly obtains helpful advice from the Charity Commission and the Trustees are aware of their responsibilities as Trustees of a charitable organisation. The Charity has an independent legal advisor who supports our work.

Risk management

The Board of Trustees has a risk register and related risk procedures which have been regularly reviewed and updated to reflect COVID-19, the new COVID work streams of domestic abuse support and providing poverty food bank help. Through this risk management process, all significant risks have been identified and control systems are in place to mitigate these.

Equal Opportunities policy

We are an equal opportunities employer. All jobs are open to all applicants, subject to necessary occupational qualifications and all applications are given equal consideration. We follow fair recruitment and positive action to ensure recruitment for disabled people is equal, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. We are a diverse and inclusive organisation that advocates for the social model of disability.

Living wage

We follow the living wage salary threshold. We value our workers and ethical fairness.

Objectives and Activities

Statement of Public Benefit

What the charity does:

- Education/training
- The Advancement of Health or Saving of Lives
- Disability
- The Prevention or Relief of Poverty

Who the charity helps:

- Children/Young People
- People With Disabilities
- Other Charities or Voluntary Bodies
- The General Public/mankind

How the charity helps:

- Provides Services
- Provides Advocacy/advice/information

The charitable objects of the charity as defined in our Articles of Association are:

The objects of the CIO are:

- A) To promote the relief of children and young people with autism spectrum disorder and their families and carers, in particular, but not exclusively by the provision of support, education and practical advice
- B) To advance the education of the general public in all areas relating to autism.

Our Charity is grassroots formed; majority local residents with lived experience based on gaps in services, and lack of support for disabled children and young people, and multicultural families.

- Dimobi Vision; to achieve a society in which children with disabilities contribute are valued and have their rights respected.

We support multicultural children and young people with disabilities; autism/neurodiversity health conditions and learning disability, aged up to 25 years, and their families. We support children and young people who have a neurodiversity health condition; autistic spectrum, Asperger's, related attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), dyslexia, dyspraxia and mental health.

We are based in Newton Heath, Manchester and provide services across North Manchester, Newton Heath and Miles Platting. North Manchester has the highest areas of deprivation in Manchester.

In delivering our charitable objects we provide the following services:

- Advice and information
- One-to-one support
- Group support
- Advocacy
- Wellbeing activities for children and young people, and their family
- Peer buddy support
- Volunteer opportunities
- Local activities, trips and community events
- Parent forum meetings,
- Signposting
- Delivering disability and culturally related awareness sessions for parents/carers, and professionals.
- Domestic Violence

In April 2020, due to high referrals we diversified our core activities (above) to provide COVID crisis poverty food and essentials relief for disabled children. This COVID work was in operation up to 30 June 2021. During the reporting period of 30 September 2020 to 30 September 2021, we supported more family households of a disabled child/ren.

In May 2020, due to high referrals to the Police for domestic abuse help from women with a disabled child/ren, we began a multicultural domestic abuse service for women with a disabled child. Due to receiving referrals from men with a disabled child, we began to provide support for any parent/carer with a disabled child early in 2021. During the reporting period of 30 September 2021 to 30 September 2022, we have supported more family households of a disabled child/ren.

In response to our community need we have planned over the next two years to develop our services further and provide:

- Half-term activities
- Respite
- Vocational services
- Youth criminal justice support.

Our progress in the reporting period

The number of beneficiaries we have supported in this reporting period is more disabled children and young people households. We have a majority of Black ethnic minorities' members who use our services which is reflective of our community. We are a multicultural organisation.

Referrals

We accept self and agency referrals from across North Manchester. We have high self-referral numbers to our services; we are proud to engage with the communities we serve.

Our priorities for this reporting period

Responding to community crises from the COVID-19 pandemic, continuity of business and safety of everyone were key priorities for Trustees. We diversified our service offer with domestic abuse support for women with a disabled child/ren and the poverty foodbank for families with a disabled child. Supporting digital poverty needs, isolation needs, those shielding or in poverty crisis, or risk.

We are humbly grateful to members of our local community who volunteered their time during the second lockdown period of the pandemic to help vulnerable families. We extend our gratitude to the range of organisations that supported our work; All Saints Church, YES, Police and Crime Team Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Women's Aid, MACC, Manchester Police, Equal Education Chances, Family Unit Trust, Northwards Housing and Talbot House, Manchester City Council, Youth Zone, Ciata Foundation, CAHN, BOLDST3P and many more

Parent Forum and Member involvement

We moved our parent forum meetings online to ensure safety and Government guidance was followed. Our last meeting in this reporting period was held on 16 November 2021 and had 28 members in attendance. We are proud to be a need led charity. A Trustee is always present at the Parent forum for accountable and transparent co-decision making. We have created an easy read Terms of Reference for our Co-Production group work.

Global pandemic COVID-19

Our Charity has been severely impacted by increased referral demand, capacity and increased complexity of need, more families in crisis, disabled children and parents with health conditions deemed vulnerable and shielding, COVID bereavement and long term COVID recovery. We seek to collect member information and evidence of the need to support funding applications.

We have consent and procedures in place in line with Data Protection requirements. Some of the safeguarding actions we made include:

- Minimise the risk of COVID infection through remote working, safe procedures, PPE and training, following Government guidance.
- Completing risk assessments for staff, volunteers, the people we support and the public.
- Updating our business continuity plans and related policies.
- Rented an office on the Riverside Trading Estate.
- Finding alternative ways of supporting people virtually/remotely. Including flexible, hybrid and home working and policies created to support the safer continuation of work and wellbeing of workers.

Volunteer capital

We have been able to operate through the second lockdown with the invaluable capacity for our local community. More people are regular volunteers and have contributed with volunteer support during this reporting period. Disclosure Barring Service checks and references are completed for volunteers. We have a suite of volunteer policies and procedures.

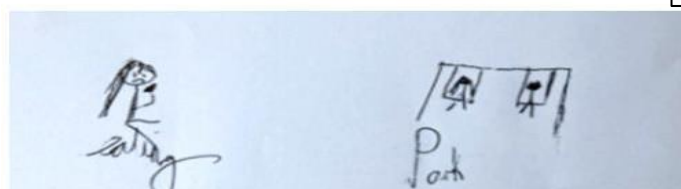
Implement quality monitoring and outcomes framework

In line with the Equality Act 2010, we collect demographic equality monitoring information. We identify ways to meaningfully record and monitor the outcomes of the services and projects we deliver and seek to continuously improve. We include children and young people in providing information to improve how we work and understand more about what they like, don't like, want more of or want to share an opinion on.

Summer Holiday Activity Fund new project

We commercially bid for a Manchester City Council school half-term opportunity and successfully delivered the 'Happy Me' summer play scheme project for disabled children. The project objectives were to engage 50 disabled children and young people, aged 5 to 16 years, in receipt of free school

meals, living in the North Manchester wards of Newton Heath, Miles Platting, Clayton and Openshaw. 95% of children indicated a smiley face for having fun. Children asked for more activities in the future and shared drawings of what they enjoyed; football, eating and park.



Financial Review summary

Our accounts have been audited.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor, or the terms of an appeal in response to which they were given. We have had restricted funds in the reporting period. We manage our restricted funds with robust project management and outcomes reporting.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are those which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds that the Trustees have set aside at their discretion for particular projects or purposes. We used unrestricted funds to get through the first and second COVID-19 lockdowns and unfortunately hit a 2-month operating limit, instead of our minimum 6-month reserve level which is in our articles. COVID has been a challenging period for the Trustees to keep our operations running whilst meeting our increased overheads. It is a challenge for the Charity to raise unrestricted funds with not being able to hold many fundraising activities in the community; this had been a previous strategy used, alongside individual donations, of which there are many competing organisations.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees reviewed the existing reserves policy in 2021, which remains unchanged. We aim to have a general reserve of six months. In setting this level of reserve, the Trustees have considered the risks around income streams, the costs of our office space at Riverpark Trading Estate, maintenance and additional expenditure for remote technology requirements.

Plans for Future Periods

Our main objectives for the coming year

We have a fundraising strategy document that is governed by Trustees, evidenced with member needs and updated each April. We set out annual objectives each year which link to our charity mission and vision. We include a workforce diagram of the ideal support and capacity our members will need in the coming year, along with any current roles. We also create a shortlist of projects (based on members needs shared and social inclusion purposes). We then source funding streams

to link to the desired outcomes and criteria for each designated resource required, be it staff, equipment, volunteer resources, or specific projects that will make a difference.

Within our funding strategy is a focus on future contract work and tender opportunities. This was unfortunately halted for 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

- **Objective 1: Grow our neurodiversity service offer across North Manchester.**
We will explore opportunities to expand and develop our neurodiversity services. This will include social prescribing. We will co-produce outcomes required with our Parent Forum and Co-Production members. We will involve our community and external organisations. We will follow our fundraising strategy.
- **Objective 2: Develop a multicultural neurodiversity workforce to meet our disabled children's holistic needs.**
We will achieve this by sourcing income for workers, recruitment and training. We will aim to create an inclusive, wellbeing environment for skills, talent and passion to thrive.
- **Objective 3: Have financial sustainability.**
We will achieve this by maintaining financial accountability and continually monitoring the financial performance of all our services and using this to inform development opportunities. We will continually monitor our key financial risks and ensure that risk mitigation plans are in place. We will refresh and follow our fundraising strategy.
- **Objective 4: Raise neurodiversity awareness and promote strengths-based practices.**
We will achieve this by developing our external training offer, partnering with local organisations and service providers.
- **Objective 5: Black, Asian, minority, ethnicity inequalities. Raise awareness of Black, Asian, minority, ethnicity inequalities need and promote inclusivity.**
We will achieve this by supporting the power of our members to be visible, for their experiences to be heard, share project outcomes and develop our external training offer.

Funders and donations in the reporting period

We are grateful to the following funders for their invaluable support to our disabled children, young people and their families:

National Heritage
Garfield Weston Foundation
Migrant Help
Manchester City Council
Lottery Community Fund
Action Together
MCAactive
CLA Charitable Trust
The Clothworkers Foundation
Sport England

Funded items

Emergency food and essentials.

- Electronic devices for disabled children and young people.
- Books for disabled children and young people.
- Sessional staff capacity for disabled children, young people and family support.
- Sessional staff capacity for domestic abuse support.
- Volunteer expenses.
- Laptop, mobile phone, data expenses and software.
- Office set up and overheads.
- General overheads.

Linda Butcher Edwin

Chair of Trustees

Dimobi Children Disability Trust

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Dimobi Children Disability Trust, for the year ended 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 13 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 such explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do 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.

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.

Date: June 4, 2024

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income & expenditure account)
Year ended 30th September 2023

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	2,000
Charitable activities		2,200	319,424	321,624	278,824
Total income		2,200	319,424	321,624	280,824
Expenditure on:					
charitable activities	4	7,350	304,403	311,753	270,146
Total expenditure		7,350	304,403	311,753	270,146
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	5	(5,150)	(15,021)	(9,871)	(10,678)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		(5,150)	(15,021)	(9,871)	(10,678)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		7,198	33,259	40,456.92	148,397
Total funds carried forward		2,048	48,280	50,328	159,075

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 18 are an integral part of this balance sheet

Dimobi Children Disability Trust
Balance Sheet
As at 30th September 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	45,078	29,604
Total fixed assets		<u>45,078</u>	<u>29,604</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	6,000	11,423
Debtors	8	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current assets		6,000	11,423
Liabilities			
Creditors - Amount falling due within one year	9	<u>(750)</u>	<u>(570)</u>
Net current assets		<u>5,250</u>	<u>10,853</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>50,328</u>	<u>40,457</u>
Creditors - Amount falling due after more than one year	10	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u><u>50,328</u></u>	<u><u>40,457</u></u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	11	2,048	7,198
Restricted funds	11	48,280	33,259
Total charity funds		<u><u>50,328</u></u>	<u><u>40,457</u></u>

Linda Butcher Edwin
Chair of Trustees
Approved by the board of trustees on 04 June 2024

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Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 30 September 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income, is reasonably certain of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. In accordance with the SORP, no value has been attributed to the work performed by volunteers, although their work is considered vital to the activities of the charity.

Donations and gifts

Donations and gifts consist of the total donations from individuals, trusts and corporates, along with income from fundraising events.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalized and included at cost, including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost by equal annual instalments over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings	25% reducing balance
Computer and Internet Resources	25% reducing balance

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Costs of generating funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary income and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

2. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	-	-	2,000
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	2,000

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3. Charitable activities

Grant Funders

National Heritage
Garfield Weston Foundation
Migrant Help
Manchester City Council
Lottery Community Fund
Action Together
MCAactive
CLA Charitable Trust
The Clothworkers Foundation
Sport England

4. Expenditure on charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff cost	164,644	57,674
Project costs	16,000	104,549
Depreciation	15,026	9,868
Professional fees	9,400	21,500
Governance costs	5,750	570
Support costs	<u>100,933</u>	<u>75,985</u>
	<u><u>311,753</u></u>	<u><u>270,146</u></u>
Restricted expenditure	304,403	259,121
Unrestricted expenditure	<u>7,350</u>	<u>11,025</u>
	<u><u>311,753</u></u>	<u><u>270,146</u></u>
5. Net income/(expenditure) for the year	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation	<u>15,026</u>	<u>5,916</u>

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6. Fixed assets: tangible assets	Land and Buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Vehicle	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 October 2022	-	32,842	13,388	-	46,230
Additions	-	-	500	30,000	30,500
At 30 September 2023	-	32,842	13,888	30,000	76,730
Depreciation					
At 1 October 2022	-	11,411	5,215	-	16,626
Charge for the year	-	5,358	2,168	7,500	15,026
At 30 September 2023	-	16,769	7,383	7,500	31,652
Net book value					
At 30 September 2023	-	16,073	6,505	22,500	45,078
At 30 September 2022	-	21,431	8,173	-	29,604

7. Cash at bank and in hand	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank	6,000	11,423
Cash in hand	-	-
	6,000	11,423

8. Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Trading debtors	-	-
Grant debtors	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
	-	-

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9.	Creditors - Amount falling due within one year	2023	2022
		£	£
	Trade creditors	750	570
	Other creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>750</u>	<u>570</u>

10.	Creditors - Amount falling due after more than one year	2023	2022
		£	£
	Trade creditors	-	-
	Other creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11	Fund movements	Balance at 1 October 2022	Income	Expenditure	As at 30 September 2023
		£	£	£	£
	Restricted funds				
	Restricted project fund	33,259	319,424	(304,403)	48,280
		<u>33,259</u>	<u>319,424</u>	<u>(304,403)</u>	<u>48,280</u>
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	7,198	2,200	(7,350)	2,048
		<u>7,198</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>(7,350)</u>	<u>2,048</u>
	The funds of the charity	<u>40,457</u>	<u>321,624</u>	<u>(311,753)</u>	<u>50,328</u>