



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Chair's Report

The last year will be remembered for one thing, and everything which has happened over this time will of necessity be related to that. Covid.

The fears, the attempts to manage and the changes which have emerged due to it. For children, the main point of life is the activity of interacting with the world; this has been curtailed, and for Playwork, the main point is facilitating a behaviour which is mainly social; also curtailed. This has produced a range of creative and innovative responses from those active in playwork and, most of all, has been a period of intense reflection both on those responses and the nature and future of playwork, a craft which is already suffering from politically motivated cuts and a consequent hollowing out as some see their future in greener pastures.

The Playwork Foundation began its year without Covid featuring at the last AGM, which saw us say goodbye to Penny Wilson and Eddie Nuttall as trustees, and welcome Jackie Boldon and Vicky Edwards as new trustees. As per the constitution, these new trustees were nominated by volunteering themselves at the meeting, to be formally appointed by the Board at the subsequent trustees meeting. Officer roles also changed, with Karen Benjamin filling the Treasurer's role and Simon Rix that of Chair. Anne-Marie Mackin also joined the board as a trustee a few months later.

Almost immediately events overtook us all, and Playwork's response was forced into the virtual and other support methods by lockdown. Playwork organisations around the countries of these islands have risen magnificently to the challenges presented by both the pandemic and the varying and sometimes conflicting guidance which has been available. Responses have ranged from distributing play packs, advice and ideas around communities, to online play sessions, to providing play sessions under social distancing and 'bubble' rules and guidance, to disinfecting entire sites several times a day, to using their position in and contact with communities to address need such as food distribution.

While the Foundation's online presence has been hampered both by technical difficulties and continually fluctuating guidance, members and trustees have been involved with and/or led such initiatives such as online reflective practice, Meynell's online nine week conference, delivery of online play sessions and Playwork in Progress, which has developed an international participation.

Fundraising for Foundation projects and development has been a problem over the year as funders diverted programmes into emergency, direct Covid responses. The Foundation agreed that it was not appropriate to increase competition over these pots as a second tier organisation, and that applications made could be wasted. However, the Foundation has continued to develop partnerships and plans to support the continued existence of playwork and its advancement as we emerge from the pandemic.

A significant proportion of this work has been around training and qualifications. Since the requirement for qualifications in England was removed by the Government, playwork has suffered across the UK through not having an active or interested sector skills council and each nation has had to go it alone in terms of reviewing qualifications which are not necessarily available in the other nations. As playwork in England was also deregulated, the availability and uptake of any playwork qualifications there has been extremely sparse for a number of years now.

The Foundation has worked with a group of playwork employers on both the proposed Trailblazer apprenticeship (England only) and a new Level 2 regulated qualification which could be attached to it, but could also be available as a stand-alone qualification. These have led the Foundation into some new and exciting areas. There is also no Playwork Education

and Training Council in England, unlike the other three countries which make up the United Kingdom, making coordinated working difficult; and so we are now working with Play England to create one. There is also no body which can fulfil the required function of maintaining an oversight of the knowledge, skills, conduct and practice of the occupation, craft or profession of playwork; and we have been looking at setting this up. Some of the requirements here are external and need to be responded to in order to be able to maintain and develop playwork; some of them are the mechanics to be able to do so. The Foundation has and will continue to liaise with stakeholders and concerned parties in the four Nations in pursuit of them as a work plan for the coming year.

Thanks are due to those who have sat as board members over the last year, which could be described, as in the well known curse, as 'interesting times'. The Board thanks all those who have contributed to and worked with foundation activities through the year, and welcomes those playworkers who will, no doubt, be queueing up to join us in the coming.

Below please find the 'roadmap' we are currently working on to set out what we are doing and where the Playwork Foundation – this is definitely a work in progress at present, but we wanted to share it with you and invite you to work with us!

UK Playwork Foundation - Roadmap

Priorities	Now	Next	Later
Raising the profile of the playwork sector <i>(providing leadership, communication & facilitated discussions around the future of playwork – cutting edge practice/trends and linking to the bigger picture)</i>	Planning Playwork and Alternative Education conference	Setting up a campaign group Heritage Lottery bid Becoming a professional body for playwork	
Playwork News <i>(being 'on the pulse' – what's happening when, where, how and why, events, training, projects closing, opening and celebrating)</i>	Playwork in Progress Website - restructuring Facebook Twitter?	Expanding Playwork in Progress?	
Creating a knowledge base for playwork	Developing playwork apprenticeships and training courses	Contributing to Playwork NOS review	Developing playwork archives, including playwork research
Partnership working	Working with other NPO's – establishing a PETC England Supporting Summer of Play campaign		

Ongoing governance and management of charity	Membership, APM, Accounts, Annual report etc.		

Summary of the main achievements of The Playwork Foundation charity during the year

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We have been involved in funding applications in partnership with The University of Gloucestershire and Playwork Partnerships, and independently to AVIVA.

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Registered Charity Number
1176557
Registered Company Number
CE012854

The Playwork Foundation
Report and Unaudited Accounts
31 March 2021



Incorporating P&W Social Accountants

The Playwork Foundation
The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Legal and Administrative Details

The Playwork Foundation (or "the Charity") was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission on 8 January 2018.

Charity Commission Registration: 1176557
Company number: CE012854

Trustees:

S Bazley
K Benjamin
J Bolden (appointed 12th June 2020)
S Edwards
V Edwards (appointed 12th June 2020)
J Green
Anne-Marie Mackin (appointed 18th January 2021)
B McIlwrath
S Rix
M Stobart
A Wood

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Accountants:

P&W Social Accountants
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Objectives and Activities of the Charity

The object of the Charity is to advance and promote education, for the public benefit, in children's play and playwork, in particular but not exclusively by:

1. Providing information;
2. Raising awareness;
3. Facilitating discourse;
4. Carrying out research; and
5. Building capacity.

The Foundation

1. Provides advocacy;
2. Advice and information;
3. Sponsors or undertakes research; and
4. Acts as an umbrella or resource body for playworkers and playwork.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, adopted on 8 January 2018, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 8 January 2018. The Foundation is registered as a CIO as defined by the Charities Act 2006.

Trustee Selection

The Trustees have regard to the skills knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity. Trustees are selected to give the charity a good mix of appropriate professional skills.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011, and have referred to and taken due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider the charity's activities are for the public benefit.

Financial Review

Policies on reserves

The Charity is currently building up free reserves in order to deliver its aims and objectives, a full policy on reserves will be produced by the Trustees once the charity begins to recognise expenditure.

Internal Control & Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees are responsible for the internal controls, and review them on an annual basis. They also actively review the major risks which the charity faces, and review them on a regular basis.

Transactions and Financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities show net outgoing resources for the year of £244 (2020: incoming resources of £80).

The total reserves at the year end of 31 March 2021 stand at £2,455 (2020: £1,110).

The Playwork Foundation

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act require the board of trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

Method of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 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 on 16 July 2015 (SORP 2015).

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 31st May 2021

K Benjamin
Trustee

**Accountants' Report to the Trustees of
The Playwork Foundation**

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

R B Welch FCA MA
Chartered Accountant
P&W Social Accountants
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31st May 2021

The Playwork Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted & Total Funds	Unrestricted & Total Funds
		2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources			
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>			
Activities for generating funds	3	244	40
Total incoming resources		244	40
<i>Resources expended on charitable activities</i>	4	1,589	120
Total resources expended		1,589	120
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources before transfers between funds		(1,345)	(80)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,345)	(80)
Reconciliation of funds			
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	7	2,455	2,535
Total Funds carried forward	7	1,110	2,455

The net movement in funds referred to above is the net incoming resources as defined in the SORP and is reconciled to the total funds as shown in the Balance Sheet as required by the SORP paragraph 4.60.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The Playwork Foundation
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,230	2,575
Creditors			
Amounts falling within one year	6	(120)	(120)
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-
Net assets		<u>1,110</u>	<u>2,575</u>
<i>The funds of the charity :</i>			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue funds	7	1,110	2,455
Total unrestricted funds		1,110	2,455
Total charity funds		<u>1,110</u>	<u>2,455</u>

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charitable Incorporated Company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31st May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

K Benjamin
Trustee

The Playwork Foundation
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2021

1 General Information

The Playwork Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered and domiciled in England. Its principal activity is to operate as a charity established to advance and promote education, for the public benefit, in children's play and playwork. Its registered office is 53 Aversley Road, Birmingham, B38 8PD

2 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting policies

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 on 16 July 2015 (SORP 2015).

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

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Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

Having regard to the level of reserves and the ongoing level of expenditure against unrestricted funds in conjunction with the development of membership activity in the coming year the trustees are satisfied that the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

3 Activities for generating funds	2021	2020
	£	£
Membership income	244	40
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4 Resources expended on charitable activities	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	120	120
Website and software costs	1,469	-
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	1,589	120

5 Trustees' remuneration and benefits

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: £Nil).

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6 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>

7 Movement in funds

Current year

	At 01.03.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.03.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted and total funds	<u>2,455</u>	<u>(1,345)</u>	<u>1,110</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted and total funds	<u>244</u>	<u>(1,589)</u>	<u>(1,345)</u>

Comparative year

	At 01.03.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.03.20
	£	£	£
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