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1176557
Registered Company Number
CE012854

The Playwork Foundation
Report and Unaudited Accounts
31 March 2023



Incorporating P&W Social Accountants

The Playwork Foundation
The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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 Boldon
S Edwards
AM Mackin
B McIlwrath
S Rix
H Stephenson
M Stobart
A Wood
J Green
P M Dunn Wilson (appointed 30th June 2022)

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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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on 30th June 2022, Siôn Edwards was formally elected Chair following the stepping down of Simon Rix, who remains as a Trustee. Ali Wood remained as Secretary and Karen Benjamin as treasurer.

Our annual Open Meeting took place online and approximately 60 people were in attendance including representatives of each of the national playboards of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who provided an update on the work they were doing to raise the profile of play and playwork. Paul Hocker, from London Play, and Trustee Ali Wood, on behalf of Meriden Adventure Playground, gave presentations on some of the issues facing adventure playgrounds. Trustee Penny Wilson, on behalf of AssemblePlay, and Siôn Edwards on behalf of The Venture Integrated Children's Centre, reported on the work they had been doing with the playwork sector in Wreccsam around their City of Culture bid which included play as one of the seven key pillars.

In November 2021, Play England commissioned research into the status of adventure playgrounds in England, publishing a report in March 2022 entitled "The State of Adventure Playgrounds in England". In September 2022, The Playwork Foundation built on this research by updating the list of adventure playgrounds in England and extending the mapping to across the United Kingdom (UK). Playworkers Mick Conway and Eddie Nuttall joined Foundation Trustees on the task and finish group. In May 2023, this work was completed and a draft report submitted to the Board of Trustees. Our thanks to Mick Conway, Lesli Godfrey, Eddie Nuttall, and Play England for prior work and their support to our Trustees in completing this valuable piece of work.

The Playwork Foundation is now in discussion with Play England and other playboards to jointly publish the findings in the summer. The recommendations of Play England's report, alongside those issues presented by London Play and Meriden Adventure playground at our Open Meeting, are informing The Playwork Foundation's decision to support the sector, in partnership with Leeds Beckett University, to establish a network of adventure playgrounds across the UK in the coming year.

In the last financial year, The Playwork Foundation, in partnership with Devon County Council, wrote two playwork training courses aimed at providers delivering provision funded by the UK Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in England: 1. Playtime! – a 3-hour introductory course delivered in a single session; and 2. Let's Talk About Play – a 10-hour course delivered over 5 sessions. The Training & Qualifications Subcommittee, led on this piece of work and, by August 2022, Playtime! had been piloted 4 or 5 times and Let's Talk About Play piloted twice.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year (continued)

Endorsement for Playtime!, via Play England, was achieved in December 2022 and the course was marketed at the Eastbourne Playwork Conference, IPA Glasgow conference, and on The Playwork Foundation's website (www.theplayworkfoundation.org.uk/haf).

Improvements have been made to the website pages including a template creating a strategy for content creation and curation. A virtual workspace for Trustees, that hosts of our @playworkfoundation.org.uk emails, was also established. Our thanks to Sussed and Able for providing free digital support and for helping guide us through this.

Our website continues to grow and develop – recent improvements include collation of training available in the four nations of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the beginnings of an online resources page that includes playwork theory, playwork guides, and articles. In the coming year we hope to gather more resources useful to playworkers and childcare practitioners and provide a space for playworkers' writing, reflections, and research free of charge. Regular content is shared on our Facebook Page and we also set up an Instagram account for The Playwork Foundation/

On Remembrance Day, the Board gathered in person at the Arden Hotel, Birmingham, for our first in-person meeting since before the COVID-19 pandemic. This working day included a revisit of our "Road Map" and a setting of priorities for this term. It also provided an opportunity for Trustees to celebrate the successes to date, raise areas of concern, and socialise informally during breaks. This new road map will be shared at our Open Meeting on Wednesday 19th July 2023, 11am – 1pm.

In December 2022, a new Code of Conduct and terms of reference for the subcommittees were formally adopted and the Board started a journey of trialling different communication methods, including establishing a new procedure for Board decision-making in-between meetings.

In 2023 we appointed Trustee representation to the UK National Occupational Standards (NOS) Consortium and the Playwork Education and Training Council (PETC) Cymru/Wales.

In March 2023 we delivered a workshop at the Eastbourne Playwork conference, and submitted a proposal for the International Play Association's (IPA) triennial conference in Glasgow, June 2023. Trustee Penny Wilson has continued to chair Playwork in Progress - a free, online reflective practice session for playworkers anywhere in the world. Although originally aimed at UK playworkers, there is regular attendance from playworkers in the United States, Portugal, and Sweden. A special in-person and live Playwork in Progress bookended the Eastbourne Playwork Conference in March 2023.

In June 2023 we delivered a workshop at the IPA Glasgow conference. The Playwork Foundation also took the decision to make membership free for 2023/24 with the ambition of increasing membership and participation in our work, discussions, and decision making. Interested playworker and play advocates can join by visiting www.playworkfoundation.org.uk/join.

We thank the constant voluntary contributions of the passionate playworkers who make up our Board and those other playworkers mentioned in this report. We hope we have made a positive contribution to play, playwork, and playworkers in the last year and we hope, that playworkers, and play advocates will continue supporting The Playwork Foundation, for play, playwork, and playworkers.

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Future Plans

We will be continuing in applying for funding to support our work.

We will be organising members meetings and our Annual Open Meeting on July 19th 2023.

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 £966 (2022: incoming resources of £4,281).

The total reserves at the year end of 31 March 2023 stand at £4,425 (2022: £5,391).

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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 effective 1st January 2019.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 31st August 2023

K Benjamin
Trustee

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

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 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.

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31st August 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted & Total Funds	Unrestricted & Total Funds
		2023 £	2022 £
Incoming resources			
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>			
Activities for generating funds	3	121	5,025
Total incoming resources		121	5,025
<i>Resources expended on charitable activities</i>	4	1,087	744
Total resources expended		1,087	744
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers between funds		(966)	4,281
Net movement in funds		(966)	4,281
Reconciliation of funds			
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	7	5,391	1,110
Total Funds carried forward	7	4,425	5,391

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 4.67.

All activities derive from continuing operations

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

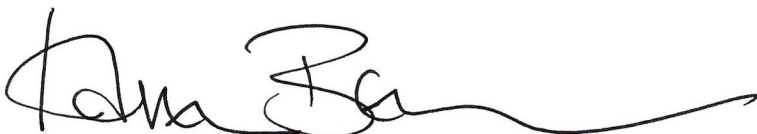
	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		4,850	1,620
Debtors	6	-	4,500
Total current assets		<u>4,850</u>	<u>6,120</u>
Creditors			
Amounts falling within one year	7	(425)	(729)
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-
Net assets		<u>4,425</u>	<u>5,391</u>
<i>The funds of the charity :</i>			
Unrestricted funds	8	4,425	5,391
Total unrestricted funds		4,425	5,391
Total charity funds		<u>4,425</u>	<u>5,391</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 Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. The Trustees acknowledges 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 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



K Benjamin
Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2023

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 effective 1st January 2019

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 £.

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.

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted grants	-	4,500
Membership income	55	520
Other income	66	5
	<u>121</u>	<u>5,025</u>

4 Resources expended on charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees	324	130
Bank charges	65	15
Hotel and Travel	384	-
Website and software costs	314	599
	<u>1,087</u>	<u>744</u>

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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 2023 (2022: £Nil).

6 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	4,500

7 Creditors: Amounts falling within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	425	729

8 Movement in funds

Current year

	At 01.03.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.03.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted and total funds	5,391	(966)	4,425

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted and total funds	121	(1,087)	(966)

Comparative year

	At 01.03.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.03.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted and total funds	1,110	4,281	5,391

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted and total funds	5,025	(744)	4,281