

The Natashas Project

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 28 February 2023

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ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 28 February 2023

Legal and Administrative Information

The Natashas Project (TNP) was founded in 2013. It has been a registered charity, number 1176994, since 5 February 2018 and the address for correspondence is 2 Fensomes Close, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP2 5DH or e-mail info@thenatashaproject.co.uk. Its governing document is its Constitution.

Objects/Principal Activities

The objects of the Charity is to use dance and performance to inform and equip the public about Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery and support survivors through the use of creative arts.

Its three branches are:-

Performance: TNP gives professional dance productions that raise awareness through informing audiences on the effects and realities of modern slavery. The performances aim to instigate and empower change, by taking audiences through a journey of lost innocence, 21st century slavery, and how this injustice still affects every single society throughout the world today.

Education: TNP has audience tailored workshops that have been created to inform, equip and inspire students and engage in conversations about safe relationships.

Restorative: The third branch works with survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking, through its Restorative Dance Workshops. These are fun, creative workshops which aim to develop confidence, self-esteem, physical fitness and ownership of survivors' bodies. The workshops use a broad range of music genres, to encourage amateur musicians, in order to promote appreciation of music by the public.

All branches of TNP signpost the audience to services and organisations in their local areas, where they can either contribute to anti trafficking and anti-slavery activities, or access more information on the subject.

Organisation

TNP is governed by the Board of Trustees which is responsible for all aspects of the organisation that affect this UK-based Charity.

As at the year ended 28 February 2023, the Board of Trustees was made up as follows:

Jim Treherne - Chair
Sophie Smyth - Secretary
Kevin Lowen - Treasurer
Timothy Withers – Trustee
Sharon Green - Trustee

The Trustees may appoint new trustees throughout the year. They are all volunteers.

Sharon Green was appointed as a Trustee on 1 January 2023

TNP's bankers are Natwest Bank.

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Review of Activities

Restorative branch: TNP continued to provide tailor-made dance workshops to support survivors of human trafficking and modern slavery. A fifth lottery grant for £9,996 was received during the year.

Financial Review

The overall result for the year was a surplus of £4,115 compared with a deficit of £4,679 the previous year.

Reserves

TNP aims to maintain funds of at least £2,000 so that it is able to enter into contracts to hire performance venues and commit to other expenditure for the following year.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees has examined the principal areas of the Charity's operations and considered what major risks may arise in each of these areas. In the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the Charity has established resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow the risks identified by them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day to day operations.

The Charity has appropriate risk mitigation measures in place including policies and training on the following:

Working with vulnerable groups - particularly survivors of human trafficking
First Aid

The Charity ensures all volunteers and staff have up to date DBS checks prior to working with children or vulnerable adults

Policies

TNP has the following policies to govern its operational activities and these are reviewed on an agreed timeline, either annual or bi-annual. They are:

- Finance
- Health & Safety
- Recruitment
- Equal Opportunities
- Safeguarding
- Risk Management
- Data Protection and Privacy


Future prospects

TNP will continue to provide support to women and victims of trafficking via workshops.

TNP will be exploring activities under the Education Branch for Primary Schools.

I declare, in my capacity of Charity Trustee, that:

- the Trustees have approved the report above; and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf



Kevin Lowen Treasurer/Trustee 7 September 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 28 February 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2022 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from:							
Grant income		12,496		12,496	10,000		10,000
Donations and fundraising			2,814	2,814		8,044	8,044
Charitable activities			251	251		331	331
Total income		12,496	3,065	15,561	10,000	8,375	18,375
Expenditure on:							
Fees	3	6,779	2,587	9,366	14,187	5,859	20,046
Other costs	4	1,394	686	2,080	2,210	798	3,008
Total expenditure		8,173	3,273	11,446	16,397	6,657	23,054
Net income		4,323	(208)	4,115	(6,397)	1,718	(4,679)
Accumulated Funds brought forward		2,673	5,778	8,451	9,070	4,060	13,130
Transfer from UF to RF		3,000	(3,000)	0			0
Accumulated Funds carried forward		9,996	2,570	12,566	2,673	5,778	8,451

BALANCE SHEET as at 28 February 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		12,566	8,451
		<u>12,566</u>	<u>8,451</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Restricted Funds	5	9,996	2,673
Unrestricted Funds		2,570	5,778
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>12,566</u>	<u>8,451</u>



Kevin Lowen Treasurer/Trustee 7 September 2023

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 28 February 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including:

- a) FRS102 1A, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" as applies to small companies;
- b) The 2015 Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

Incoming resources

- a) Grant income is accounted for on receipt, but taken to restricted funds until all their terms and conditions of receipt are met.
- b) Donations from individuals and organisations and from fundraising events are accounted for when received.
- c) Charitable activities, which includes income from performances at venues, are accounted for when received.

Expenditure

Resources expended are accounted for on a cash basis, inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used, in accordance with the charitable objects, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of TNP. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes. The nature and purpose of each restricted fund is set out in note 5.

Tangible fixed assets

Items below £750 are not capitalised. TNP has no tangible fixed assets.

2. Trustees expenses

No member of the Board of Trustees or any person connected with them has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from TNP funds.

3. Fees

Fees include payments to teachers, choreographers, stage managers, consultants and dancers net of statutory maternity pay received. In the year there was one part-time employee (prior year: one).

4. Other costs

Other costs include travel costs for performers, costumes, equipment, studio hire, training and development, advertising, insurance and office expenses

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5. Restricted funds

Restricted Funds 2022/23

	Balance at 28 February 2022 £	Income £	Transfer from UR	Expenditure £	Balance at 28 February 2023 £
The National Lottery	2,673		3,000	(5,673)	0
a) The National Lottery		9,996		0	9,996
b) Souter Trust		2,000		(2,000)	0
c) Magic Circle		500		(500)	0
	<u>2,673</u>	<u>12,496</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(8,173)</u>	<u>9,996</u>

a) A fifth grant was received on 10/2/23 for £9,996 for Restorative workshops

b) A grant was received on 6/1/23 for £2,000 for manager fees

c) A grant was received on 5/8/22 for £500 for manager fees

6. Related party transactions

Total donations given to the Charity during the 12 month period by Trustees, key management personnel and persons connected to them were £600 (prior year: £4,437).