

The Arts of Change Trust

Contents of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1177257

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the year
Ended 31st December 2024
For
The Arts of Change Trust**

TRUSTEES	Eve Meade Allyson Vowles Richard Morris
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1177257
NON-VOTING MEMBERS	Christian Dixon

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The trustees of the charity for the present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal objective and aim of the Trust as defined in its Constitution is:

“The relief of persons suffering from physical and mental health issues in particular but not exclusively emotional, social, spiritual and psychological difficulties by providing counselling and therapy services.” is to work for the benefit of young people and by such methods, as the Trust shall determine.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and performance

The AOC Trusts aim is to support vulnerable & at risk young people & adults who cannot access mainstream counselling services. The AOC Trust helps children, young people, adults & families by providing first rate counselling & creative arts therapies including dramatherapy, play therapy & art therapy. It also devises & facilitates interactive & evidence based courses ranging from motivation & empowerment to mindfulness & relaxation to anger management. A registered charity the AOC Trust is a community driven organisation whose ethos is about community empowerment, social cohesion & works to improve the lives of disadvantaged people. Through our current work especially in local schools, with families & young children & with our partner organisations we have discussed about their needs & identifying new approaches to help support a wider range of people.

During the year we started our More Better Days Project, providing disadvantaged children and their wider networks with a programme of therapy sessions to help them overcome mental health issues that they face, this includes:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Schizophrenia
- Bi Polar
- ADD
- ADHD
- Body Dysmorphic Disorder
- Hearing Voices

Working with children from 3 to 16 years and either gender: male or female, who may have one or several mental health issues are supported in the project by qualified/therapists. Working with children and adults each year the project provides a range of therapy and counselling models to suit the client: including traditional 'talking' models such as integrative

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counselling or person-centred counselling and a range of creative arts models including art therapy and dramatherapy. This project has been supported by a National Lottery Grant to run over a 5 year period.

During the year the AOC Trust also delivered work for the NHS, this involved working with adult in a similar way to that of More Better Days. However, the main difference being the nature, scope and delivery methods of the sessions provide to fully engage with the hard-to-reach clients that needed our support

Also during the year the AOC Trust continued the ACC Child Contact Centre. ACC provides a contact centre for children to see their non-resident parent(s) or other non-resident family members. It offers a professional, safe, caring and supportive environment for all families who are having trouble seeing their children.

Our contact centre is open daily and also during evenings and weekends and is affiliated and regulated by the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) which ensures all of our team and volunteers are fully trained and will provide the best practice, experience and quality assurance for all children and families that visit our centre. The only such centre within the Dudley Borough.

The Centre provides:

Supervised Contact Service

Supported Contact Service

Indirect Contact Service

Supervised Handover Service

Escorted Contact Service

Preparing Children & Young People via an Introduction to Contact Services

Parenting Plan Service

Counselling & Therapy Service

Life Story Service

Mediation Service

Miscellaneous Report Writing Service

Attachment in Play & Drama

Teaching Parenting Skills Service

Emotional Management Service

Partnerships

The Trust has entered into various partnership arrangements with a number of organisations both as delivery partners and funders. These are itemised below:

Delivery Partners

Dudley Council for Voluntary Service

National Lottery

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The NHS

The Arts of Change Ltd

Holloway Chambers

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Royal Shakespeare Company

Royal Society of Arts

Lutley Primary School

Bramford Primary School

National Association of Child Contact Centres

Beacon Centre for the Blind

The What? Centre

Phase Trust

Black Country Mental Health

FUTURE PLANS -The Way Forward

Through consultancy arrangements, the Trust continues to identify future projects and sources of funding.

The Trustees also agreed that the Trust should continue to identify project delivery potential partners as a strategic aim.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial situation for the Trust remains challenging, in common with many similar smaller third sector organisations. However, recent bequests and the provision of consultancy services continue to ease the situation somewhat in meeting our core costs.

The Trustees will continue to keep a close eye on cash-flow.

Reserves policy

As the Trust has no direct employees, there are no liabilities for the costs associated with this aspect and it is considered that the current level of free reserves will be sufficient for the organisation to operate effectively during the current period.

Ongoing costs of rent, telephone, IT and insurance are the only core costs that the organisation needs to cover on an ongoing basis. As such the organisation will aim to increase its current two months of reserves to 4 months by the end of next year and to 6 months the following year

Although the trustees are constantly looking for sources of funding to enable the Trust to continue to deliver its projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Arts of Change Trust

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Governing document

The affairs of The Arts of Change Trust ("the Trust"), which is a community organisation with charitable status, are governed by its Constitution and are the responsibility of the Trust's Board of Trustees.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board currently comprises three individuals who have an interest or expertise in working through therapy and the arts with at risk people. There are, in addition, two non-voting members, who act as consultants to the board. The Review of the Trust has identified a need for additional expertise and perspectives: accordingly, opportunities to appoint other trustees are continually being accessed.

Organisational structure

The Board is responsible for the affairs of the Trust. The Chief Executive and consultant team deal with the day-to-day operation of the organisation.

Induction and training of new trustees

Board members are experienced individuals in the fields of the arts, local government, therapy and vulnerable people and most are also members of boards and management committees of similar organisations. Full induction is offered to all new Board members.

Support costs, included in the figure below, are as follows:

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2024

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2024

STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024
Staff	0

No employee was paid more than £60,000

Signed



Richard Morris
Treasurer

The Arts of Change Trust

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
Opening Balance	££3,577.42	£14,340.86	£17,918.28
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
Charitable activities			
Project delivery	£0	£237,601.67	£240,366.44
Donations	£2764.77	£0	£2764.77
Total Income	£2764.77	£237,601.67	£240,366.44
Total Funds available			£258,284.72
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	£4868.32	£249,570.14	£254,438.46
Total	£4868.32	£249,570.14	£254,438.46
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£-2103.55	£-11968.47	£-14072.02
Transfers between funds	£0	£0	£0
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	£1473.87	£2372.39	£3846.26
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£0	£0	£0
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	£1473.87	£2372.39	£3846.26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Arts of Change Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1177257

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 **31/12/2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J Hipkiss

Date:

22-10-2025

Name:

Jonathan Hipkiss

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.