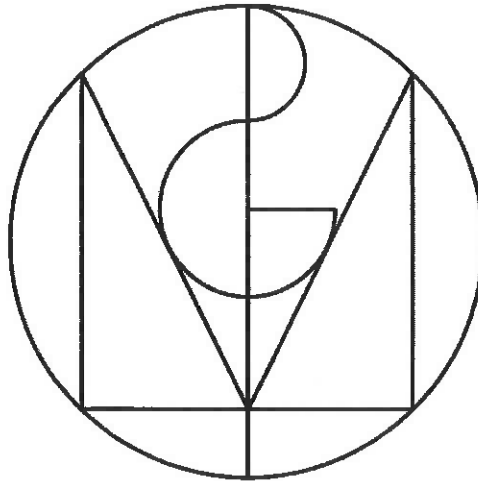


Leeds Vocal Movement

Charity Number: 1177305



LEEDS VOCAL MOVEMENT

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 Aug 2023 to 31 Jul 2024

May 2025

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Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Leeds Vocal Movement

Charity number: 1177305

Charity's operating address: 2 Petrie Street, Leeds

Postcode: LS13 1NA

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity *(Add extra rows as required)*

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1:	Thomas George	Treasurer	22 Nov 2019	
2:	Francesca Russo		04 Nov 2020	
3:	Emma Hird		04 Nov 2020	
4:	Aidan Stirk		19 Jan 2023	
5:	Oscar Webber		19 Jan 2023	
6:	Alexandra Paixao Costa		21 Sep 2023	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address & Postcode</i>
Bank:	Santander	10 Park Row, Leeds LS1 5HD

Names of Senior Staff with Delegated Responsibilities

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
1:	Elizabeth Leather	Musical Director

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document:	Constitution
How the Charity is Constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation)
Trustee Selection Methods:	Appointment
How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained:	Standard handover & training from predecessor

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

Regularly rehearsed membership choir, holding regular public concerts
Public Workshops

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year

Leeds Vocal Movement started the year with a reorganisation of professional staff in September 2023. Our former Musical Director Caitlin Mayall, and Accompanist Sylvia Jen both stepped away from the choir to look after their newborn children, and we were very lucky to bring Elizabeth Leather and Grace Middleton onboard to cover their maternity leaves. Elizabeth and Grace have both since taken on full time roles with the choir. LVM would like to thank Caitlin and Sylvia for their dedication and leadership over the past 5+ years!

Term 1 began with a series of open rehearsals, welcoming new members to the choir and increasing member numbers to 54 in Term 1, compared to 49 the previous year. We continued to regularly rehearse at Leeds City College, benefitting from a generous charity rate, and we would like to thank LCC for their support of the choir.

LVM continued our partnership with Cornerstone Baptist Church, with Term 1 culminating in a concert there in December 2023. We welcomed students from Notre Dame Sixth Form to join us for selected pieces, aiming to increase musical education and appreciation with the young people of Leeds. Ticket sales exceeded every

expectation, nearly doubling those of the previous year with 206 total sales, making this LVM's most successful concert of all time. It was a fantastic event, very well received by choir and public alike, and even ended with a fresh snowfall! This concert was followed by a busking opportunity in Kirkgate Market the following week, raising money for Children's Heart Surgery Fund, a charity proposed by one of our members.

Following the winter break, LVM used terms two and three to prepare for a concert in the summer, as well as an opportunity to be involved with a project in conjunction with the Serpentine Gallery. LVM was selected as a choir to represent West Yorkshire in Holly Herndon and Mat Dryhurst's innovative project "The Call", an examination on the use of AI in choral music. It was incredible to be a part of this country-wide project, which involved learning brand new music composed by Holly, and a two-hour recording session in Leeds with Holly and Mat. The work is being displayed in the Serpentine Gallery from October 2024 to February 2025.

Our summer concert was hosted in July 2023, again in partnership with Cornerstone Baptist Church. Once again, over 100 members of the public attended, following on from the successes of the previous two concerts at Cornerstone

LVM also took part in a some community parades for the first time, performing at Pudsey Carnival in May 2024, and taking up a float in Leeds Pride parade the week after our concert in July. Both events proved very successful for increasing the name recognition of the choir, and spreading music education to the people of West Yorkshire!

Financial Review

Overview

Leeds Vocal Movement continued to stabilise it's financial position through 2023-24, with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic now mitigated and membership numbers at a higher level than pre-pandemic for the first time. Our concerts, especially the winter concert, significantly outperformed budget expectations. This allowed us to reinvest in-year by choosing a more adventurous musical selection for the summer term. The summer concert came in slightly below expectations, however this was offset by a generous donation from the Serpentine Gallery for our contribution to "The Call". This will come through in the 2024-25 accounts. Cash funds stayed well above reserve level, and we ended the year with a small overall surplus, as well as an expectation of the Serpentine funds coming early in the next year.

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

Leeds Vocal Movement will hold sufficient reserves to enable the long-term sustainability of the charity. The reserves held will cover one term of standard operating costs, to enable the choir to continue in the event of a loss of external funding or other major financial event impacting on the ability of members to contribute their membership fees.

This policy will be reviewed annually in line with the budgeting and planning process to ensure that the reserves policy does not restrict the ability of Leeds Vocal Movement to grow or to enhance operations.

On the basis of current operating costs, Leeds Vocal Movement will maintain a reserve of £2,500 to be used for the purposes outlined above.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

There is no material deficit.

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

There is no outstanding guarantee given by the CIO.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

There is no outstanding debt.

Other Optional Information

Not applicable.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s): T.C.

Full Name(s): THOMAS GEORGE

Position(s): CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date: 21/5/25

Oscar Webber

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TRUSTEE

24/5/25

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Due to the small size of Leeds Vocal Movement, an independent examiner's report is not required.

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CC16a Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership income	£7,110.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,110.00	£7,505.00
Concert income	£2,340.68	£0.00	£0.00	£2,340.68	£2,083.52
Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£30.17
Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Social	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£9,450.68	£0.00	£0.00	£9,450.68	£9,618.69
A2 Asset and investment sales					
Folders	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£10.00
Sub total	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£10.00
Total receipts	£9,500.68	£0.00	£0.00	£9,500.68	£9,628.69
A3 Payments					
Wages	£6,307.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,307.00	£7,269.72
Venue costs	£1,340.02	£0.00	£0.00	£1,340.02	£389.67
Insurance	£256.72	£0.00	£0.00	£256.72	£160.55
Expenses	£379.73	£0.00	£0.00	£379.73	£28.80
Refunds	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£0.00
Web & Marketing	£113.20	£0.00	£0.00	£113.20	£214.44
Social	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00
Workshops	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£350.00
Sub total	£8,456.67	£0.00	£0.00	£8,456.67	£8,413.18
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Folders	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	£30.00
Music	£532.24	£0.00	£0.00	£532.24	£886.20
Sub total	£832.24	£0.00	£0.00	£832.24	£916.20
Total payments	£9,288.91	£0.00	£0.00	£9,288.91	£9,329.38
Net of receipts/(payments)	£211.77	£0.00	£0.00	£211.77	£299.31
A5 Transfers between funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	£3,497.01	£425.00	£0.00	£3,922.01	£0.00
Cash funds this year end	£3,708.78	£425.00	£0.00	£4,133.78	£299.31

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Total funds	£3,708.78	£425.00	-
	Total cash funds	£3,708.78	£425.00	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Choir folders	Unrestricted	-	£500
	Card machine	Unrestricted	-	-
	Music	Unrestricted	-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval