

MARGINAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1178831

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-06-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED WHO ARE AGED 8 TO 30 LIVING IN THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION THROUGH THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISING ZINE, COMICS AND ILLUSTRATION MAKING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES; AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A)ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS THROUGH ESTABLISHING AND DEVELOPING ZINE AND MAGAZINES AIMED AT PROVIDING SUPPORT. (B)ADVANCING EDUCATION(C)RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT(D)PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR MARGINALISED GROUPS LIVING IN THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY, DISABILITY, RACE, SEXUALITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS. 2. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY WORKING WITH PEOPLE IN THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDING ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN, DISABILITY SEXUALITY OR GENDER IDENTITY, TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE AND ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR BY:(A)PROVIDING THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A PRINTING HUB WHERE THEY WILL PUBLISH ZINES, COMICS AND MAGAZINES TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND PARTICIPATE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY;(B)RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ISSUES AFFECTING THOSE WHO ARE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED IN THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION RESIDENTS, BOTH GENERALLY AND IN RELATION TO THEIR SOCIAL EXCLUSION; AND(C)BUILD CAPACITY BY GROWING A 'MARGINAL PUBLISHING HOUSE' TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE AND ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE ARTS AND IN PARTICULAR THE ART OF WRITING, ILLUSTRATION, ZINE AND COMIC CREATION TO ENABLE THOSE WHO ARE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED TO HAVE A VOICE AND PUBLISH COMICS, STORIES AND ILLUSTRATED BOOKS THROUGH SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

Activities: Marginal acts as a resource for disadvantaged young people aged 8-30 living in the Liverpool City Region through the provision of therapy focused autobiographical narrative, zines and comic book publishing sessions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£40,000	£27,000	-	-
2024-01-31	£50,000	£37,980	-	-
2023-01-31	£30,000	£33,100	-	-
2022-01-31	£40,000	£18,876	-	-
2021-01-31	£100,000	£62,293	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RHIANNON MAIR GRIFFITHS	Chair	2018-06-18
KATIE WHITTLE		2018-06-18
STEVEN DARREN MATTHEWS		2018-06-18

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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This is achieved by providing leisure time activities designed to develop young people's capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society. The charitable company operates a number of projects and initiatives and works in partnership with other agencies to ensure the widest range of services are available that best match the needs of its client population.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In considering the objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered Charity guidance on public benefit to ensure that the organisation is meeting its requirements.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Over the past financial year, we continued to develop our specialist publishing and story-making programmes that enable children and young people to shape how their identities, experiences and futures are represented. Through our work with 103 children and young people across the Liverpool City Region, we offered a creative and therapeutic pathway that supports young people aged 8–25 who have experienced marginalisation, including looked-after and previously looked-after children, young people living with chronic and life-limiting illnesses, and SEND young people.

This year, the wider context has been challenging. The cost-of-living crisis has increased demand for youth mental health support, while competitive funding environments and rising operational costs have placed strain on services across the region. Within this climate, our publishing-led model—centred on narrative ownership, expressive freedom and lived-experience authorship—provided a distinctive and increasingly essential route for young people whose anxiety, depression, and trauma often leave them unable to engage with generic youth provision.

We delivered workshops within children's homes, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, and through 1-2-1 online sessions, enabling young people to participate safely and consistently. Our commissioning and print services continued to strengthen our organisational resilience. Key achievements included the development of several lived-experience-led publications, the completion of the Pencil Pals Anthology capturing patient stories at Alder Hey, and commissioning a new publication exploring marginalised joy, authored by young people themselves.

Evaluation findings highlight the impact of our relational, creative approach. 62% of participants reported improvements in mental wellbeing; 56% experienced reduced thoughts linked to suicidal ideation; and 85% reported increased social connectedness after 12 weeks of engagement. A significant proportion (66%) had never accessed other youth services, describing those environments as overwhelming or unsafe. On initial engagement, 94% reported loneliness and 78% reported having few or no friends, evidencing the acute isolation faced by many of the young people we support.

Local communities benefited from increased access to positive, stigma-reducing youth activities, as well as strengthened community cohesion through volunteering and progression routes into education, training and employment. We are deeply grateful to all partners whose support enabled us to deliver meaningful, high-quality publishing opportunities during a year of considerable sector pressure.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £40,000 of which £0 related to funding projects upon which restrictions are placed. Total expenditure in the year was £38,980 leaving a surplus for the year. The charitable company's reserves stand at £94,127.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The main risks to which the charitable company is exposed as identified by the Trustees has been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves policy: It is the policy of Marginal CIO to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover 12 months running costs (£29,000) and redundancy costs. As an organisation we have secured this amount and will continue to increasing our reserves.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have had an exciting and positive start to the year and will:

- Continue to develop Marginal as the first young person led publishing house in the UK.
- Launch a young people's editorial collective to give participants greater influence over commissioning, design and decision-making.
- Expand our 1-2-1 service to young people experiencing anxiety and or depression.
- Develop a volunteer development programme to upskill children and young people to take ownership of Marginal CIO in the future.
- Deliver hyperlocal workshops in communities most affected by the cost-of-living crisis and youth service reductions.
- Strengthen our data collection to better understand the impact of story-making on mental wellbeing.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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All trustees give their time freely and no remuneration was paid during the year.

The charity is run by the Trustees. The Trustees are made full members of the organisation, elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

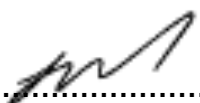
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- Select suitable accounting policies then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principle in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue as a going concern
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees' are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with all the relevant processes. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015).

By Order of the Board



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Rhiannon Mair, Chair

Date: 20/11/2025

MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Income and endowments from	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Charitable activities		40000	00000	40000	50000
Other trading activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income		<u>40000</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40000</u>	<u>55000</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities		27000	0.00	27000	37980
Total expenditure		<u>2700</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>27000</u>	<u>37980</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>81127</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>81127</u>	<u>69107</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>94127</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>94127</u>	<u>81127</u>

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the CIO

MARGINAL CIO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

Notes	31st December 2024 (Unrestricted) £	31st December 2024 (Restricted) £	31st December 2023 £
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Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
 Current Assets			
Cash at bank and at hand	94127	0.00	81127
Prepayments	0.00	0.00	0/00
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	94127		81127.00
 Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amount falling Due within 1 year	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Net Current Assets		94127	8127
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		----- 94127	----- 81127
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

MARGINAL CIO FINANCIAL NOTES OF THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
<u>Note 1. Income</u>			
Grant income-Children In Need- for Project worker Salary & stationery		<u>0.00</u>	10,000
Commission	40,000		40000
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,000</u>

Note 2. Expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2023</u>
Project Session worker	1700.00	0.00	18000.00
Printing Costs	5500.00		5000.00
Artwork	2050.00		2400.00
Adobe creative suites	1500.00		1680.00
Accounts preparation	450.00		450.00
Insurance	500.00		450.00
	<u>27000</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>37980.00</u>

Independent Examiner's report

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

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting Charities have not been met; or (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *J C McChrystal*

Date: 10/11/2025

Name: J C McChrystal

Qualification: CIMA Adv diploma of management

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In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. Advice from local organisations has proved invaluable to the charity in establishing improved links within the community and identifying relevant policy developments and prospective funding. The principal objects and activities in the year under review continued to focus on the development of social welfare, physical and mental health of children and young people aged 13+ within the Liverpool City Region.

This is achieved by providing leisure time activities designed to develop young people's capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society. The charitable company operates a number of projects and initiatives and works in partnership with other agencies to ensure the widest range of services are available that best match the needs of its client population.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In considering the objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered Charity guidance on public benefit to ensure that the organisation is meeting its requirements.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have continued sustain and develop activities of supporting children and young people to publish stories and books about the way the world sees them. Within the past reporting year, we have continued to deliver progressive, inclusive, and young person led publishing and story development workshops to 152 children and young people across the Liverpool City Region. We have continued to specialise our offer for children and young people between the ages of 8-25 who have lived experiences of marginalisation. This year our workshops have focused on supporting children and young people who are looked after, previously looked after, young people suffering with chronic and life limiting illnesses and SEND young people. Our offer has remained strong and consistent in terms of delivering open access and closed group sessions for young people within children's homes, Alder Hey Children's hospital and 1-2-1 via our online offer. We have further strengthened our commissioning arm via printing and specialised services to improve our reserves as a charity. Our highlights during the past year have included recruiting 12 young people to our Youth Board, developing x6 lived experience led publications by young people, for young people, and working on our Alder Hey Heroes 'Cardiology' publication.

Evaluation output has indicated that 64% of children and young people improved their mental health; 58% of children and young people reported a reduction in feelings of suicidal ideation and 88% of children and young people reported a significant improvement in social connectedness post accessing our support for 12 weeks or more. Evaluation output further uncovered that 68% of children and young people who accessed our services had never previously accessed youth services since they found other 'generic youth work' services too triggering and frightening; 40% had reduced their A&E Attendance; 92% of children and young people felt like no one 'understood' them. On initial engagement 96% of young people reported feeling lonely; with 80% of young people citing that they had little to no friends.

The local community has benefited from an increased offer of positive youth activities in areas across the Liverpool City Region that focus on destigmatizing mental health issues within young people. Local communities have also benefited from closer community cohesion, especially from being able to offer more volunteer opportunities, leading onto access to teacher training courses, further education, or full-time employment.

The generous donations and funding received through businesses, community fundraising and partnership funding has meant that we could continue with our work at an accelerated pace.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £50,000 of which £10,000 related to funding projects upon which restrictions are placed. Total expenditure in the year was £37,980 leaving a surplus for the year. The charitable company's reserves stand at £81127.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The main risks to which the charitable company is exposed as identified by the Trustees has been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves policy: It is the policy of Marginal CIO to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover 9 months running costs (£28,485) and redundancy costs. As an organisation we have secured this amount and will continue to increasing our reserves.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have had an exciting and positive start to the year and will:

- Continue to develop Marginal as the first young person led publishing house in the UK.
- Develop needs led services to better support the needs of children and young people to thrive against austerity.
- Expand our drop-in sessions
- Develop a volunteer development programme to upskill children and young people to take ownership of Marginal CIO in the future.
- Invest more in commissioning and expanding our project across the city region. We have taken this year to assess the change from the COVID-19 pandemic and to develop our 5-year strategy for Marginal CIO.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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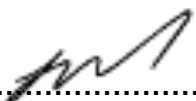
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By Order of the Board



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Rhiannon Mair, Chair

Date: 17/11/2024

MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Income and endowments from	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
Charitable activities	1	40000	10000	50000	30000
Other trading activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income		<u>40000</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>50000</u>	<u>33100</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	2	27989	10000	37980	
Total expenditure		<u>27989</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>37980</u>	<u>62293</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>69107</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>69107</u>	<u>72207</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>81127</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>81127</u>	<u>69107</u>

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MARGINAL CIO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

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Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
 Current Assets			
Cash at bank and at hand	81127	0.00	69107
Prepayments	0.00	0.00	0/00
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	81127		69107.00
 Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amount falling Due within 1 year	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Net Current Assets		81127	69107
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		----- 81127	----- 69107
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Commission	<u>40,000</u>		20000
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>37, 000</u>

Note 2. Expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2022</u>
Project Session worker	18000.00	10000	24120.00
Printing Costs	5000.00		4000.00
Artwork	2400.00		2400.00
Adobe creative suites	1680.00		1680.00
Accounts preparation	450.00		450.00
Insurance	450.00		450.00
	<u>27980</u>	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>33100.00</u>

Description of Funds

BBC Children in Need- £10k Towards project worker costs

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PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In considering the objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered Charity guidance on public benefit to ensure that the organisation is meeting its requirements.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have continued to grow and develop the activities within Marginal CIO and our aspiration to grow the first young person led publishing house within the UK. Within the past reporting year, we have continued to deliver progressive, inclusive, and young person led publishing and story development workshops to 125 children and young people across the Liverpool City Region. We have specialised in supporting children and young people between the ages of 8-25 including: looked after children, young carers, care leavers, LGBTQIA young people, SEND young people, young people suffering with chronic and life limiting illnesses and young people experiencing low and complex mental ill-health. In the last financial year we have also continued to deliver open access and closed groups for children and young people based in community centers, children's homes, libraries and Alder Hey Children's hospital to reduce participation barriers for young people experiencing multiple social, emotional or economic disadvantages. We have further continued to develop our commissioning arm to stabilize our reserves as a charity. Our highlights during the past year include developing a comics anthology of marginalised young people entitled 'Mind over Margins Joy Edition' based on young people and young people's experiences of finding joy despite their marginalised statuses. We have also continued to work on a children's book entitled 'Lola and the Dragon' in conjunction with young people from Alder Hey's Oncology Unit and version 2 of 'LGBT and Me'. During this period we have published 3 children's books.

Evaluation output has indicated that 70% of children and young people improved their mental health; 64% of children and young people reported a reduction in feelings of suicidal ideation and 88% of children and young people reported a significant improvement in social connectedness post accessing our support for 12 weeks or more. Evaluation output further uncovered that 62% of children and young people who accessed our services had never previously accessed youth services since they found other 'generic youth work' services too triggering and frightening; 40% had reduced their A&E Attendance; 88% of children and young people felt like no one 'understood' them. On initial engagement 94% of young people reported feeling lonely; with 72% of young people citing that they had little to no friends.

The local community has benefited from an increased offer of positive youth activities in areas across the Liverpool City Region that focus on destigmatizing mental health issues within young people. Local communities have also benefited from closer community cohesion, especially from being able to offer more volunteer opportunities, leading onto access to teacher training courses, further education, or full-time employment.

The generous donations and funding received through businesses, community fundraising and partnership funding has meant that we could continue with our work at an accelerated pace.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £30,000 of which £10,000 related to funding projects upon which restrictions are placed. Total expenditure in the year was £33,100 leaving a surplus for the year. The charitable company's reserves stand at £69,107

RISK MANAGEMENT

The main risks to which the charitable company is exposed as identified by the Trustees has been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves policy: It is the policy of Marginal CIO to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover 3 months running costs (£10,725) and redundancy costs. As an organisation we will focus on increasing our reserves to the required amount through building full cost recovery into our grant and trust funding applications to lessen reliance on unrestricted income that is generated through zine sales and session commissioning.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have had an exciting and positive start to the year and will:

- Continue to develop Marginal as the first young person led publishing house in the UK.
- Develop needs led services to better support the needs of children and young people to thrive against austerity.
- Expand our drop-in sessions
- Develop a volunteer development programme to upskill children and young people to take ownership of Marginal CIO in the future.
- Invest more in commissioning and expanding our project across the city region. We have taken this year to assess the change from the COVID-19 pandemic and to develop our 5-year strategy for Marginal CIO.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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All trustees give their time freely and no remuneration was paid during the year.

The charity is run by the Trustees. The Trustees are made full members of the organisation, elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees' should follow best practice and

- Select suitable accounting policies then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principle in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue as a going concern
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees' are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with all the relevant processes. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015).

By Order of the Board



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Rhiannon Mair, Chair

Date: 22/11/2023

MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Income and endowments from	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
Charitable activities	1	20000	10000	30000	40000
Other trading activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income		<u>20000</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>30000</u>	<u>40000</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	2	23100	10000	33100	
Total expenditure		<u>23100</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>33100</u>	<u>62293</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>72207</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72207</u>	<u>72207</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>69107</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>69107</u>	<u>72207</u>

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the CIO

MARGINAL CIO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

Notes	31st December 2022	31st December 2022	31st December 2021
	(Unrestricted) £	(Restricted) £	£
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Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and at hand	69107	0.00	72207
Prepayments	0.00	0.00	0/00
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	69107		72207.00
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amount falling Due within 1 year	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Net Current Assets		69107	72207
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		----- 69107	----- 72207
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

MARGINAL CIO FINANCIAL NOTES OF THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
<u>Note 1. Income</u>			
Grant income-Children In Need- for Project worker Salary & stationery	<u>72207</u>		72207
Commission	20,000	<u>10,000</u>	10,000
	<u>92,207</u>	<u>10,000</u>	30000
			<u>112,2007</u>

Note 2. Expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2021</u>
Project Session worker	24120.00	10000	32857.01
Printing Costs	4000.00		25000.00
Artwork	2400.00		2205.00
Adobe creative suites	1680.00		1674.00
Accounts preparation	450.00		450.00
Insurance	450.00		106.74
	<u>33100.00</u>	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>62292.75</u>

Description of Funds

BBC Children in Need- £10k Towards project worker costs

Independent Examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting Charities have not been met; or (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *J C McChrystal*

Date: 20/11/2023

Name: J C McChrystal

Qualification: CIMA Adv diploma of management

MARGINAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1178831

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. Advice from local organisations has proved invaluable to the charity in establishing improved links within the community and identifying relevant policy developments and prospective funding. The principal objects and activities in the year under review continued to focus on the development of social welfare, physical and mental health of children and young people aged 13+ within the Liverpool City Region.

This is achieved by providing leisure time activities designed to develop young people's capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society. The charitable company operates a number of projects and initiatives and works in partnership with other agencies to ensure the widest range of services are available that best match the needs of its client population.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In considering the objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered Charity guidance on public benefit to ensure that the organisation is meeting its requirements.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We have continued to grow and develop the activities within Marginal CIO and our aspiration to grow the first young person led publishing house within the UK. Within the past reporting year, we have continued to deliver progressive, inclusive, and young person led publishing and story development workshops to 284 children and young people across the Liverpool City Region. We have specialised in supporting children and young people between the ages of 8-25 including: looked after children, young carers, care leavers, LGBTQIA young people, SEND young people, young people suffering with chronic and life limiting illnesses and young people experiencing low and complex mental ill-health. In the last financial year we have also continued to deliver open access and closed groups for children and young people based in community centers, children's homes, libraries and Alder Hey Children's hospital to reduce participation barriers for young people experiencing multiple social, emotional or economic disadvantages. We have further continued to develop our commissioning arm and worked on increasing our free reserves as a charity. Our highlights during the past year include developing a comics anthology of young peoples experiences of accessing Alder Hey Children's hospital called 'Hospi-Tales: A year of stories from children at Alder Hey Children's Hospital' and 'Mind over Margins' a comics anthology based on young adults experiences of navigating their mental health on a community level. We are also continued to work on a children's book in conjunction with young people from Alder Hey's Oncology Unit.

Evaluation output has indicated that 72% of children and young people improved their mental health; 62% of children and young people reported a reduction in feelings of suicidal ideation and 82% of children and young people reported a significant improvement in social connectedness post accessing our support for 12 weeks or more. Evaluation output further uncovered that 68% of children and young people who accessed our services had never previously accessed youth services since they found other 'generic youth work' services too triggering and frightening; 48% had reduced their A&E Attendance; 82% of children and young people felt like no one 'understood' them. On initial engagement 88% of young people reported feeling lonely; with 64% of young people citing that they had little to no friends.

The local community has benefited from an increased offer of positive youth activities in areas across the Liverpool City Region that focus on destigmatizing mental health issues within young people. Local communities have also benefitted from closer community cohesion, especially from being able to offer more volunteer opportunities, leading onto access to teacher training courses, further education, or full-time employment.

The generous donations and funding received through businesses, community fundraising and partnership funding has meant that we could continue with our work at an accelerated pace.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £40,000 of which £10,000 related to funding projects upon which restrictions are placed. Total expenditure in the year was £18875.74 leaving a surplus for the year. The charitable company's reserves stand at £83,637.26

RISK MANAGEMENT

The main risks to which the charitable company is exposed as identified by the Trustees has been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves policy: It is the policy of Marginal CIO to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover 3 months running costs (£18,000) and redundancy costs. As an organisation we will focus on increasing our reserves to the required amount through building full cost recovery into our grant and trust funding applications to lessen reliance on unrestricted income that is generated through zine sales and session commissioning.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have had an exciting and positive start to the year and will:

- Continue to develop Marginal as the first young person led publishing house in the UK.
- Develop needs led services to better support the needs of children and young people to thrive against austerity.
- Expand our drop-in sessions
- Develop a volunteer development programme to upskill children and young people to take ownership of Marginal CIO in the future.
- Invest more in commissioning and expanding our project across the city region. We have taken this year to assess the change from the COVID-19 pandemic and to develop our 5-year strategy for Marginal CIO.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Marginal CIO (the charity) is an incorporated entity governed under a Constitution of an Incorporated Organisation. The Trustees are responsible for the overall management and control of Marginal CIO and hold regular meetings.

All trustees give their time freely and no remuneration was paid during the year.

The charity is run by the Trustees. The Trustees are made full members of the organisation, elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees' should follow best practice and

- Select suitable accounting policies then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principle in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue as a going concern
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees' are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with all the relevant processes. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015).

By Order of the Board



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Rhiannon Mair, Chair

Date: 25/10/2022

MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Income and endowments from	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
Charitable activities	1	30000	10000	40000	110000
Other trading activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income		<u>30000</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>40000</u>	<u>110000</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	2	52293	10000	62293	
Total expenditure		<u>52293</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>62293</u>	<u>18531</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>72207</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72207</u>	<u>24500</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>72207</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72207</u>	<u>24500</u>

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the CIO

MARGINAL CIO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

Notes	31st December 2021 (Unrestricted) £	31st December 2021 (Restricted) £	31st December 2020gy2367y (Unrestricted) £
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Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
 Current Assets			
Cash at bank and at hand	93331.26	0.00	67062
Prepayments	0.00	0.00	5145
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	93331.26		72207.00
 Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amount falling Due within 1 year	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Net Current Assets		93331.26	72207
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		----- 93331.2 6	----- 72207
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

MARGINAL CIO FINANCIAL NOTES OF THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2020</u>
<u>Note 1. Income</u>			
Brought forward	<u>72207</u>		72207
Grant income-Children In Need- for Project worker			
Salary & stationery		<u>10,000</u>	10,000
CY Commission	<u>30,000</u>		30000
	<u>102,207</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>112,207</u>

Note 2. Expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2020</u>
Project Session worker	10000	10000	32857.01
Printing Costs	1500		25000.00
Artwork	0		2205.00
Adobe creative suites	1674.00		1674.00
Accounts preparation	450.00		450.00
Insurance	106.74		106.74
Prepayments 2021	5145		0.00
	<u>18875.74</u>	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>62292.75</u>

Description of Funds

BBC Children in Need- £10k Towards project worker costs

Independent Examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting Charities have not been met; or (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *J C McChrystal*

Date: 24/10/2022

Name: J C McChrystal

Qualification: CIMA Adv diploma of management

MARGINAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1178831

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In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. Advice from local organisations has proved invaluable to the charity in establishing improved links within the community and identifying relevant policy developments and prospective funding. The principal objects and activities in the year under review continued to focus on the development of social welfare, physical and mental health of children and young people aged 13+ within the Liverpool City Region.

This is achieved by providing leisure time activities designed to develop young people's capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society. The charitable company operates a number of projects and initiatives and works in partnership with other agencies to ensure the widest range of services are available that best match the needs of its client population.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In considering the objectives and activities, the Trustees have considered Charity guidance on public benefit to ensure that the organisation is meeting its requirements.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This has been an incredibly exciting time for the development of Marginal CIO our activities! We have been able to deliver a ground-breaking and accessible publishing and story development workshops to over 340 marginalised children and young people across the Liverpool City Region. We have specialised in supporting children and young people between the ages of 8-25 including: looked after children, young carers, care leavers, LGBTQIA young people, SEND young people, young people suffering with chronic and life limiting illnesses and young people experiencing low and complex mental ill-health. In the last financial year we have delivered open access and closed groups for children and young people based in community centres, children's homes, libraries and Alder Hey Children's hospital to reduce participation barriers. During the past year we are extremely proud to attract funding from two renowned grant funders such as the Postcode Lottery and the National Lottery Community Fund's Awards for all programme. Our highlights during the past year include working with young people at Alder Hey Children's hospital to draw again after significant surgeries, curating a comic book about young people's experiences of chronic and terminal illness in addition to developing a young artists programme for young people discharged from Alder Hey Children's Charity.

Evaluation output has indicated that 73% of children and young people improved their mental health; 62% of children and young people reported a reductions in feelings of suicidal ideation and 78% of children and young people reported a significant improvement in social connectedness post accessing our support for 12 weeks or more. Evaluation output further uncovered that 68% of children and young people who accessed our services had never previously accessed youth services due to the fact that they found other 'generic youth work' services too triggering and frightening; 52% had reduced their A&E Attendance; 71% of children and young people felt like no one 'understood' them. On initial engagement 83% of young people reported feeling lonely; with 59% of young people citing that they had little e to no friends.

The local community has benefited from an increased offer of positive youth activities in areas across the Liverpool City Region that focus on destigmatizing mental health issues within young people. Local communities have also benefitted from closer community cohesion, especially from being able to offer more volunteer opportunities, leading onto access to teacher training courses, further education, or full-time employment.

The generous donations and funding received through businesses, community fundraising and COVID-19 support funding meant that we could continue with our work at an accelerated pace.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year was £100,000. Total expenditure in the year was £62293, leaving a surplus for the year. The charitable company's reserves stand at £62,513.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The main risks to which the charitable company is exposed as identified by the Trustees has been considered and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves policy: It is the policy of Marginal CIO to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover 3 months running costs (£5,000) and redundancy costs. We will see to address the shortfall of our required 3 months running reserves through implementing a robust fundraising and sustainability strategy moving forward into the next financial year. As an organisation we will focus on increasing our reserves to the required amount through building full cost recovery into our grant and trust funding applications to lessen reliance on unrestricted income that is generated through zine sales and session commissioning.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have had an exciting and positive start to the year and will:

- Continue to develop Marginal as the first young person led publishing house in the UK.
- Develop needs led services to better support the needs of children and young people to thrive against austerity.
- Expand our drop-in sessions
- Develop a volunteer development programme to upskill children and young people to take ownership of Marginal CIO in the future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees' should follow best practice and

- Select suitable accounting policies then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principle in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue as a going concern
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees' are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with all the relevant processes. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015).

By Order of the Board



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Rhiannon Mair, Chair

Date: 27/12/2021

MARGINAL CIO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Income and endowments from	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
Charitable activities	1	100000	10000	110000	24500
Other trading activities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income		<u>100000</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>110000</u>	<u>24500</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	2	52293	10000	62293	
Total expenditure		<u>52293</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>62293</u>	<u>18531</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>24500</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72207</u>	<u>24500</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>72207</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72207</u>	<u>24500</u>

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities of the CIO

MARGINAL CIO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

Notes	31st December 2020 (Unrestricted) £	31st December 2020 (Restricted) £	31st December 2019 (Unrestricted) £
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Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and at hand	67062	0.00	24500
Prepayments	5145	0.00	0.00
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	72207.00		24500
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amount falling Due within 1 year	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Net Current Assets		72207	24500
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		----- 72207	----- 24500
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

MARGINAL CIO FINANCIAL NOTES OF THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2020</u>
<u>Note 1. Income</u>			
Brought forward	<u>24,500</u>		24,500
Grant income-Children In Need- for Project worker			
Salary & stationery		<u>10,000</u>	10,000
CY Commission	<u>100,000</u>		100,000
	<u>124,500</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>134,500</u>

Note 2. Expenditure on charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2020</u>
Project Session worker	22857.01	10000.00	32857.01
Printing Costs	25000.00		25000.00
Artwork	2205.00		2205.00
Adobe creative suites	1674.00		1674.00
Accounts preparation	450.00		450.00
Insurance	106.74		106.74
	<u>52292.75</u>	<u>10000.00</u>	<u>62292.75</u>

Description of Funds

BBC Children in Need- £10k Towards project worker costs

Independent Examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting Charities have not been met; or (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *J C McChrystal*

Date: 27/12/2021

Name: J C McChrystal

Qualification: CIMA Adv diploma of management AC