

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ending 31 March 2024

Bigger Heart Zanzibar (BHZ)

Charity Registration Number: 1179065

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Bigger Heart Zanzibar (BHZ) is a community-led organisation focused on nurturing creativity, confidence, and cultural understanding among children and families, particularly from underserved backgrounds. The organisation operates under a board of trustees who are responsible for strategic oversight, compliance, and governance. Trustees meet to review progress, ensure financial accountability, and steer the charity's development.



2. Objectives and Activities

Our principal objective in 2023/24 was to deliver the *Creative Bridges* project at St Thomas Primary School in Swansea. Funded by The National Lottery Community Fund's Awards for All grant, the project aimed to:

- Deliver fun, creative, and wellbeing-focused after-school and holiday activities;
- Build cultural awareness and foster inclusion among primary-aged children;
- Strengthen community ties between families of diverse backgrounds;
- Provide safe, enriching experiences that supported emotional and social development.

Activities included arts and crafts, jewellery making, mindfulness and yoga sessions, games, cultural celebrations (e.g. Zanzibar Day and Eid), and educational trips.

3. Achievements and Performance

The *Creative Bridges* project had a meaningful impact on children and families in the St Thomas community. Weekly sessions and special events consistently drew high engagement from children aged 5 to 11, many of whom reported increased self-confidence, creativity, and joy in attending.

Notable achievements include:

- **Increased emotional wellbeing:** Activities such as mindfulness, yoga, and self-esteem games helped children build focus and emotional resilience.
- **Skill development and expression:** Creative sessions allowed children to explore arts and crafts, develop coordination and problem-solving skills, and try new mediums.
- **Cultural exchange and inclusion:** Events like Zanzibar Day and the Eid celebration enabled children to explore other cultures, try traditional food, and learn new languages (e.g. Swahili), fostering respect and understanding.
- **Positive feedback:** Quotes from children like "Love everything!!" (Abi, age 8) and "I loved learning about Zanzibar. The food and games were fun!" reinforced the project's joyful and educational impact. Parents also praised the attentiveness of staff and the quality of programming.

4. Financial Review

The total grant awarded by The National Lottery Community Fund was **£10,000** which was all spent. We also received donations and full financial details available in the Financial Report.

5. Public Benefit

In line with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, BHZ continues to provide services that support the development and inclusion of children from disadvantaged

backgrounds. *Creative Bridges* exemplified this by using creative learning and cultural exchange to tackle social isolation, build confidence, and enhance wellbeing among beneficiaries.

6. Plans for the Future

Building on the success of *Creative Bridges*, the trustees plan to:

- Expand partnerships with local schools to reach more children;
- Explore further funding for cultural and wellbeing programmes;
- Formalise our volunteer programme to grow capacity;
- Develop a theory of change and evaluation strategy to track long-term impact.

7. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and consider it a true and fair reflection of the charity's activities and impact in 2023/24.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Name: Nawal Simpson

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 20/05/2025



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Bigger Heart Zanzibar

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/05/2023

To

30/04/2024

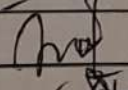
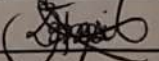
Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations | 311 | - | - | 311 | 223 |
| Grants | 10,500 | - | - | 10,500 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 10,811 | - | - | 10,811 | 223 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 10,811 | - | - | 10,811 | 223 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Equipment | 1,397 | - | - | 1,397 | 3,217 |
| Accountant | - | - | - | - | 400 |
| Project Coordinator fees | 2,000 | - | - | 2,000 | 5,263 |
| Professional fees | - | - | - | - | 700 |
| Bakk charges | 61 | - | - | 61 | 57 |
| Room Hire | - | - | - | - | 198 |
| Website | 204 | - | - | 204 | 203 |
| Traavel | 307 | - | - | 307 | 730 |
| Insurance | 205 | - | - | 205 | - |
| Sub total | 4,174 | - | - | 4,174 | 10,768 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 4,174 | - | - | 4,174 | 10,768 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 6,637 | - | - | 6,637 | - 10,545 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | - | 456 | - | 456 | 11,001 |
| Cash funds this year end | 6,637 | 456 | - | 7,093 | 456 |

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

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash at bank and in hand | 7,093 | | |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 7,093 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | Agreement Error | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | Accountant fee | Unrestricted | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|  | Elly Herminawati | 20/5/25 |
|  | Nawal Simpson | 20/5/25 |