

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDEPENDENCE

England & Wales · Charity number 1179874

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-09-10

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES IN AREAS WHICH WILL INCREASE THEIR EMPLOYABILITY, SOCIAL SKILLS AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION;THE RELIEF OF POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES BY THE PROVISION OF TRAINING AND ADVICE LEADING TO INCREASED FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE;THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BY THE RECYCLING AND PROVISION OF FURNITURE AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

Activities: Creative Opportunities for Independence works with adults and young people with support needs by using creative activities to develop the life and employment skills needed in order to be able to live independently. It provides regular day activities, residential activity breaks and social events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- Cornwall
- Devon
- Dorset
- North Somerset
- Somerset
- South Gloucestershire
- West Berkshire
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31		£0	£0	-
2024-03-31		£0	£0	-
2023-03-31		£0	£0	-
2022-03-31	£14,953	£8,408		-
2021-03-31	£1,781	£1,800		-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NICHOLAS PHILLIPS	Chair	2018-09-10
Emily Jay Barker De Carvalho		2020-02-28
Lesley Madeline Barker		2021-07-19

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Income £0

Expenditure £0

Annual Report

The charity has not operated in 2024/2025

Signed

Nick Phillips

Trustee

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Trustee Report
And
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Creative Industries for Independence

Financial year 2024 – 2025

Trustee Statement

The charity has been inactive since the 1st April 2023.

The charity has no income, no expenditure and no assets. The charity has not employed any staff during this period or worked with any volunteers.

The charity has not incurred any debts nor does it have any debts carrying forward from previous years.

Income: £0.00

Expenditure: £0.00

Amounts owed: £0.00

Amounts Due: £0.00

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2021		31	03	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicholas Phillips	Trustee		
2	Emily Jay Barker	Trustee		
3	Lesley Madeline Barker	Trustee	Appointed 19 th July 2021	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Chalmers HB Ltd	20 Chamberlain Street, Wells. BA5 2PF

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	CIO Documentation
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

The existing Trustees have the power to appoint new trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustee appointment

The trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees, without restriction on the length of time they may serve the trust.

Related Parties

During year, payments totalling £1,611 were made to My Support & Care Services (West Country) Ltd, of which Lesley Barker is the owner and director – none were made in this current year. The company has kindly subsidised the charity up to now by waiving rents, paying utilities and providing staff. The charity has chosen to make these payments to the company as a contribution towards these costs.

Major Risks

The trustees have considered the major risks facing the charity and taken steps to lessen these risks.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- To advance the education of adults and young people with learning difficulties in areas which will increase their employability, social skills and social integration.
- The relief of poverty or financial hardship among adults and young people with learning disabilities by the provision of training and advice leading to increased financial capability and independence
- The relief of financial hardship by the recycling and provision of furniture and other household items

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The majority of the income has derived from a Lottery Grant, but also with some shop sales (the trustees consider the shop to form part of the primary purpose of the charity) and through payment for services.

As well as learning to repair and upscale items, participants also gain experience in a retail environment and in the administrative tasks associated with running a small enterprise.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In this period, the charity has made a cash surplus of £6,545, it has also been heavily subsidised in order to do so, with rent, utilities, staff and other costs borne directly by donors.

During the period, the trustees consider that, the trust has been able to continue to meet its charitable objectives.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves necessary to generate the income required to run the trust on a day-to-day basis.

This is currently not being met, but the Trustees are seeking new sources of funding, which should help the charity to build sufficient reserves in the future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Currently the principal source of funds is from items sold through the shop. However, the trustees are currently seeking alternative funding, including grants, to help support it going forward.

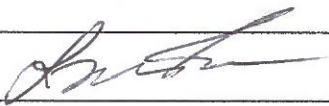
Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lesley Barker	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	20/02/2023	



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Charity Name Creative Opportunities for Independence	No (if any) 1179874
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2021	To	Period end date 31st March 2022
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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					
Shop Income and Donations	3,067	-	-	3,067	1,165
Grants	9,421	-	-	9,421	-
Bank Compensation	400	-	-	400	-
Support Fees	2,065	-	-	2,065	-
Bank interest	0	-	-	0	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,953	-	-	14,953	1,165
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,953	-	-	14,953	1,165
A3 Payments					
Shop Sundry Purchases	1,487	-	-	1,487	129
Contribution towards Shop Costs	1,611	-	-	1,611	-
Assets for donation	270	-	-	270	-
Rent	4,441	-	-	4,441	-
Accountancy Fees	599	-	-	599	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,408	-	-	8,408	129
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,408	-	-	8,408	129
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,545	-	-	6,545	1,036
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,087	-	-	1,087	51
Cash funds this year end	7,632	-	-	7,632	1,087

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	Bank (Held on Trust by My Support & Care)	1	-	-
	Cash Float	74	-	-
	Natwest Account	7,558	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,632	-	-

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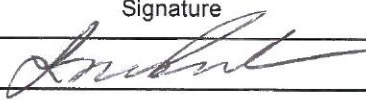
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
	Lesley Barker	20/02/23

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Registered charity number (if any)

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Charity's principal address

4 The Berrows, Berrow Road

Burnham-On-Sea

Postcode

TA8 2JF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Related Parties
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The global Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the charity's ability to carry on with activities throughout the year, with periods of enforced lockdown resulting in temporary closure. The Trustees have done their best to pause activities during these times in order to minimise costs, restarting activities whenever possible in order to continue to provide this resource to the community and people who rely on it for support.

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Full name(s)	Lesley Barker	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date		



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A1 Receipts					
Shop Income	665	-	-	665	1,781
Donation Received	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,165	-	-	1,165	1,781
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,165	-	-	1,165	1,781
A3 Payments					
Shop Sundry Purchases	129	-	-	129	348
Contribution towards Shop Costs	-	-	-	-	1,452
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	129	-	-	129	1,800
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	129	-	-	129	1,800
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,036	-	-	1,036	- 19
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	51	-	-	51	70
Cash funds this year end	1,087	-	-	1,087	51

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	Bank (Held on Trust by My Support & Care)	1,087	-	-
	Cash Float	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,087	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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			-	
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