



**Helping Angels**  
Charitable Association

# **Trustees Annual Report**

**2022 - 2023**

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## Executive Summary

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Helping Angels Charitable Association (HACA) is a registered Charity (CIO - 1183838) based in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. HACA was formed in 2019 to support adults and children with disabilities, to lead independent and fulfilling lives. We do this by enabling our members to explore activities that will promote independence and develop their skills and abilities. Stoke-On-Trent was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the Deprivation Index of 2019. Our support and services, includes some of the most deprived localities within the U.K.

We began as a small community group in 2018. As a Community Group we worked with the local community and saw firsthand the deprivation and complex needs of the families that we were working with. We saw that often the most vulnerable did not have opportunity to have a voice. We decided to form the Charitable Association to enable our members to have a vote and a say in how our services are shaped to serve them. Our work encompasses taking a multifaceted approach to deliver activities. Our members are aged between 0-80+ and our sessions enable our members to explore pathways, and to partake in workshops, that promote their independence by developing their skills and abilities.

Despite these successes, the Board recognise that today they are operating in a very different financial climate and that as well as being a community resource providing services to the community at an affordable cost, they also need to work towards becoming more self-sustainable generating income from the services provided and relying less on grants aid for their work. In this financial

year we concentrated on various forms of sustainability and income. We also accepted as a board we were working in a new world where our messaging and branding had become more important than ever. We started to look at a complete re brand of the charity and through various forums and work decided that in line with The Indi Club we would start to Rebrand our Childrens and Adults services. This saw the introduction of Project Indi and Kindi our Adults and Childrens services. INDI stands for INclusion and DIversity and it is more inclusive to our future vision for the charity.

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## Introduction and Association Details

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### Association Details

Helping Angels Charitable Association is member lead CIO based in Stoke on Trent supporting the community of North Staffordshire. Helping Angels Charitable Association rebranded and changed its name to Project Indi in September 2023. In our annual accounts you will see the name change.

**Charity Number:** 1183838  
**Address:** The Indi Club, Ralph Drive, Sneyd Green, ST1 6HZ  
**Telephone:** 01782 212 000  
**Email:** [info@helpingangelsca.org.uk](mailto:info@helpingangelsca.org.uk)  
**Web Site:** [www.helpingangelsca.org.uk/](http://www.helpingangelsca.org.uk/)

**Accountants:** Fortune Hart, Sugnall Business Centre, Stafford  
ST21 6NF

## Our Team and Governance

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### Board of Trustees and Team as of June 2023

Natasha Gratton – Founder and CEO  
Alice Cosgrove  
John Gleave  
Lindsey Bestwick  
Dale Nixon  
Sarah Hall

## **The charity currently employs:**

Full Time Staff x 6  
Part Time Staff x 1

The Association has developed over the years into an Association that can demonstrate a degree of self-sustainability. The income generated from activities and fundraising events is enough to fund generic costs. It is the responsibility of the CEO to report to the board members any matters regarding association for direction and agreement.

## **Our Strategy**

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### **Our Mission and purpose:**

Our mission by 2029 is to create and provide services that support adults and children with disabilities, to lead independent and fulfilling lives throughout Staffordshire. Our mission is to provide inclusive community hubs where individuals will have access to information and support, and educational, social and leisure opportunities.

### **Our aims**

- To ensure all disabled and vulnerable people feel respected, valued, and safe.
- To empower people to optimise their own health and wellbeing and help reduce health inequalities.
- To create an inclusive, accessible, safe, and welcoming spaces where people can feel a sense of belonging.
- To break down barriers and work with people to achieve the life they choose.
- Creating opportunities for children of all backgrounds to play and participate.

### **Our Values**

- Respect
- Equality
- Creativity
- Togetherness
- Ambition

## **Our Approach and What we do:**

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### **Day Opportunities and Community Social Groups**

We support disabled and vulnerable adults of all ages, to regularly access a range of diverse activities and workshops at our inclusive hub, The Indi Club. We are partnered and work with a range of local businesses, activity providers and workshop leaders to deliver specialised activity programmes that aim to:

1. **Empower Independence.** Our sessions help to create a supportive environment where people can thrive. Within our Independence projects we deliver everyday activities such as Food hygiene and cooking, allotment and gardening work, money management and budgeting, shopping and travel training. As an organisation, we pride ourselves on our services, that strive to enhance the life skills of our members.
2. **Promote physical and emotional wellbeing.** We understand the importance of exercise. Physical activity plays a pivotal role in contributing towards a positive mind frame and maintaining one's mental health. We provide sessions as part of our Healthy Living Project programme; including inclusive sports and exercise sessions, our weekly walk & talk group, visits from health professionals and therapeutic arts and crafts.
3. **Champion inclusion.** Promoting and enabling social inclusion, is one of the core tenets and founding principles of HACA. We deliver a weekly lunch club and social night, aiming to reduce isolation, and provide opportunities to socialise and meet new people. In addition to this, we offer day trips and short UK breaks with accessible and adapted transport. Our Association places an emphasis on social inclusion, which ensures our members feel a sense of community and belonging.
4. **Provide a space to express yourself creatively.** We deliver regular drama workshops, singing lessons, dance sessions and art therapy workshops. These activities aim to get participants moving, build their confidence and allow them to express themselves in their own way. HACA regularly hosts sessions led by local creatives, that promote group participation.

### **Free School Holiday Activities for Families**

We deliver school holiday activities for families. School holidays can be particularly difficult for some families because of increased costs, such as food, especially now, when costs of living are so high, and rising. Our sessions are completely free to attend and include a healthy and delicious meal. There is a wide range of activities to choose from, such as cooking, crafts, sports, dance, animal workshops, and more. In addition to this we also offer seasonal free or affordable family focused community events.

### **SEND Sessions for Children and Young People**

We deliver regular activities for young people with special education needs or disabilities (SEND) in Staffordshire. This includes school holiday activities, after school clubs, seasonal events and day trips. Our sessions offer young people a safe and welcoming environment, allowing them to connect with other young people, build confidence and develop life skills. These sessions can be attended independently, providing respite for parents and carers.

### **Inclusive Work Placements and Volunteer Opportunities**

We offer inclusive work placements and volunteering opportunities to adults and young people; allowing them to gain confidence and experience, enhance their life skills, to help them transition into paid employment and give back to the community.


**Our volunteer programme embraces diversity and inclusion and ensures equality of opportunity for all people to volunteer in ways that are right for them.**



**The Indi Club, Ralph Drive, Sneyd Green, ST6 1HZ**

This venue was acquired via Stoke on Trent City Council's community asset transfer procedure.

The Indi Club is a community hub in the heart of Sneyd Green, Stoke-on-Trent. We are an inclusive hub, giving a warm welcome regardless of background, ability, or circumstance. The hub offers a wide programme of activities, events and support services for the local community and has a large hall (with kitchen and bar facilities) available to hire for all your special occasions.



We welcome the local community to hire our venue. We aim to provide a welcoming space, with a hub of activity, where the community can come together and unite.

## Strategic Aims - The Indi Club

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The Indi Club has a number of Strategic Aims:

- To provide a Community Resource Centre for the people of Stoke providing Education, Social and Leisure Opportunities to the local community and opportunities to access Community Health Services
  - To provide meeting and conference spaces with access to advice and information and support the local community.
  - To ensure the longer-term viability of this resource by ensuring that it is self-sustainable via income generation from hires, enterprises and accessing community grants.
  - To work in partnership with key agencies to develop this resource to meet new and future needs by considering the development of its physical structure and the nature of services which can be offered from the resource.
  - To attract appropriate funding to underpin the salaries of key staff, the necessary upgrade of the infrastructure and the support for volunteers to ensure the efficiency of the provision.
  - To create an inclusive community hub for the people of Stoke-on-Trent, where they can access and attend regular support groups and people can feel a sense of belonging.
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Registered number  
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Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)

Report and Unaudited Accounts

30 June 2023

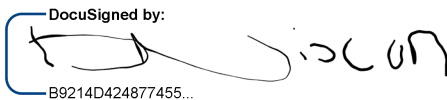
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**Report and accounts**  
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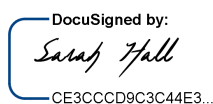
**Approval statement**

I approve the accounts which comprise of the Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework as set out in note 1, and for providing Fortune Hart Limited with all the information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

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Dale Nixon  
Chair of Trustees

17 April 2024

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Sarah Hall  
Trustee

17 April 2024

**Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)  
1183838**

**Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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.

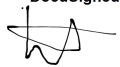
**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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This was approved on 17th April 2024

Lisa Fortune signed on behalf of  
Fortune Hart Ltd  
24 Brookside Business Park Ltd  
Stone  
Staffordshire  
ST15 0RZ

**Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)**  
**Income and expenditure**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**


	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Income and endowments</b>	340,252	282,206
Charitable activities	(42,986)	(43,121)
<b>Gross income</b>	<hr/> 297,266	<hr/> 239,085
Administrative expenses	(234,863)	(173,720)
<b>Net income</b>	<hr/> 62,403	<hr/> 65,365
Loss on the disposal of tangible fixed assets	(7,446)	-
Interest payable	(65)	(3)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<hr/> 54,892	<hr/> 65,362
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<hr/> <u>54,892</u>	<hr/> <u>65,362</u>

**Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)****Detailed income and expenditure****for the year ended 30 June 2023***This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

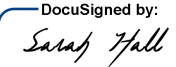
	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
<b>Income and Endowments</b>				
Grants and donations	11,861	229,905	241,766	177,147
Other charitable income	98,486	-	98,486	105,059
	110,347	229,905	340,252	282,206
<b>Direct expenditure</b>				
Charitable activities	-	42,986	42,986	43,121
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries	50,764	122,403	173,167	117,396
Pensions	4,760	-	4,760	3,254
Employer's NI	8,869	-	8,869	4,248
Staff training and welfare	156	-	156	712
Travel and subsistence	393	-	393	805
Entertaining	445	-	445	-
	65,387	122,403	187,790	126,415
Premises costs:				
Rent	1,833	7,000	8,833	7,000
Cleaning	604	-	604	2,224
	2,437	7,000	9,437	9,224
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and internet	3,718	-	3,718	2,687
Postage	515	-	515	492
Stationery and printing	1,353	-	1,353	911
Licences	180	-	180	65
Subscriptions	318	-	318	380
Bank charges	970	-	970	260
Insurance	1,771	-	1,771	875
Equipment expensed	311	-	311	524
Software	1,408	-	1,408	1,358
Repairs and maintenance	2,506	116	2,622	9,883
Depreciation	5,417	4,019	9,436	9,052
Interest payable	65	-	65	3
Sundry expenses	495	-	495	971
	19,027	4,135	23,162	27,461
Legal and professional costs:				
Accountancy fees	2,548	-	2,548	2,917
Consultancy fees	5,100	-	5,100	-
Advertising and PR	6,841	-	6,841	6,906
Other legal and professional	50	-	50	800
	14,539	-	14,539	10,623
	101,390	133,538	234,928	173,723
<b>Other operating income</b>				
Loss on the disposal of tangible fixed assets	493	6,953	7,446	-
<b>Net surplus/deficit</b>	<b>8,464</b>	<b>46,428</b>	<b>54,892</b>	<b>65,362</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	89,441	42,443	131,884	42,443
Surplus/deficit in the period	8,464	46,428	54,892	89,441
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>97,905</b>	<b>88,871</b>	<b>186,776</b>	<b>131,884</b>

**Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)****Registered number:** 1183838**Balance Sheet****as at 30 June 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	24,345	23,892
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	4	3,649	2,272
Cash at bank and in hand		164,507	126,338
		<u>168,156</u>	<u>128,610</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	(5,725)	(20,618)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>162,431</u>	<u>107,992</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>186,776</u>	<u>131,884</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		88,871	42,443
Unrestricted funds		97,905	89,441
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>186,776</u>	<u>131,884</u>

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Dale Nixon  
 Chair of Trustees  
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Sarah Hall  
 Trustee  
 Approved by the board on 17 April 2024

**Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FR102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

***Grants and donations***

These are included in the accounts when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the income and any conditions to the grants have been met.

***Charitable funds***

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

***Turnover***

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs.

***Intangible fixed assets***

Intangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative amortisation and any accumulative impairment losses.

***Tangible fixed assets***

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Leasehold land and buildings	over the lease term
Plant and machinery	over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	over 5 years
Computer equipment	over 3 years



**Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

***Investments***

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments are measured at fair value. Unlisted investments are measured at fair value unless the value cannot be measured reliably, in which case they are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Changes in fair value are included in the profit and loss account.

***Stocks***

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the first in first out method. The carrying amount of stock sold is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

***Debtors***

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

***Creditors***

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

***Taxation***

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable status.

***Provisions***

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

***Foreign currency translation***

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recognised at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. At the end of each reporting period foreign currency monetary items are translated at the closing rate of exchange. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are charged to profit or loss.

**Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

***Leased assets***

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

***Pensions***

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

<b>2 Employees</b>	<b>2023 Number</b>	<b>2022 Number</b>
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>3 Tangible fixed assets</b>		
		<b>Plant and machinery etc £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 July 2022		40,207
Additions		17,335
Disposals		(13,473)
At 30 June 2023		<u>44,069</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 July 2022		16,315
Charge for the year		9,436
On disposals		(6,027)
At 30 June 2023		<u>19,724</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 30 June 2023		<u>24,345</u>
At 30 June 2022		<u>23,892</u>

**Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association)**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2023**

<b>4 Debtors</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	2,617	1,124
Other debtors	1,032	1,148
	<u>3,649</u>	<u>2,272</u>

<b>5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	1,312	900
Taxation and social security costs	2,930	-
Other creditors	1,483	19,718
	<u>5,725</u>	<u>20,618</u>

**6 Other information**

Project Indi (formerly Helping Angels Charitable Association) is an incorporated charitable organisation, incorporated in England. Its registered office is:

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 Ralph Drive  
 Sneyd Green  
 Stoke on Trent  
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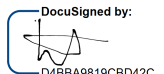
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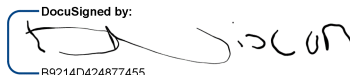
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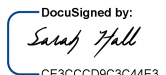
Company Name: Fortune Hart Limited

Sarah Hall

Sarah.Hall@stoke.gov.uk

Tenant Relations Officer

Stoke-On-Trent City Council

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