

Registered charity number
Charitable incorporated organisation number

1185341
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LIGHTS UP

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity.

Reference and administrative details

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Address of Charity

Lights Up
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Trustees / directors

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Marc Duschenes

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Structure, governance and management

Legal status

Lights Up is a charitable incorporated organisation, charity number 1185341 which was registered on 16th September 2019.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objects of the Charity

The objects of the charity are to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with young people who are socially excluded on the grounds of their disability and/or financial hardship, by providing access to amateur theatre performances

Lights Up provide the tool kit and funding to enable community groups and charities to attend fringe theatre performances

Trustees' Report

We are pleased to present our annual report and accounts.

Lights Up was recently formed to formalise the donation activities of a private family trust furthering the promotion of fringe theatre to new and deserving audience members, and facilitating a scaling up of this activity.

The operational plan for the Charity, once the central systems and fund-raising platforms were established, is to create autonomous regional chapters, responsible for their own fund-raising, networking with suitable fringe, amateur and youth theatre productions, and the delivery and hosting of subsidised or complimentary events to more diverse audiences. This would link the benefits of seeing live arts at a local level with fresh visitors.

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Shortly after the registration of the Charity the pandemic struck, not only closing theatres but casting doubt on the purpose, activities and solvency of many arts and community charities – many intended to be part of the Lights Up network. Generally, our intended ticket recipients require a high degree of planning to book seats, and we seek to include vulnerable persons who would ordinarily not venture to the theatre.

Our formation could not have happened at a worse time for the theatres or audiences though, underscoring the precise need for our intended dual purpose of funding complimentary seats to future events. Unfortunately, additional pandemic variants and the nature of fringe, local, amateur and youth theatre made it impossible for the Charity to commit funds confidently or extensively fundraise until theatres were back in use with a higher degree of certainty.

Whilst financially largely dormant during the period, our recruitment of regional chapters did not start until the period under review and therefore physical progress in infrastructure has not been made, however local group have been supported.

In order to guarantee the solvency of the Charity during this difficult time, and to cover general and marketing expenses due as have arisen during the year, and continue to arise, the revolving interest-free credit facility in favour of the charity limited to £10,000. This remains in place. It is intended that this facility together with pending grant funding, will enable the development of a self-sufficient cashless audience donation mechanism. The term and limit of this facility has been extended.

Trustee Recruitment. Mr Blaskey, who was instrumental in forming the charity as retired and a Trustee Recruitment process in place to replace him, and one of the other Trustees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year, and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to :

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently ;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent ;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed ; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are also responsible for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of internal control across the organisation. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements follow best practice. They are further responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, reassurance against material misstatement of loss. Internal control processes implemented by the trustees include :

- Agreement of policy and service development objectives by trustees ;
- Regular consideration by the trustees of financial results including variance from budgets and forecasts ;
- Delegation of authority to appropriate levels of management ; and
- Identification and management of risk.

The Trustees' Report was approved and was signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



Marc Duschenes

Trustee

Date : 31/2/24

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
INCOME		
Grants received	23	565
Total income	23	565
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Rent	-	-
Direct cost	-	-
Purchase	-	-
Digital Advertising, Communications and Marketing	102	692
Consulting Fees	-	3,000
Donations	400	430
Governance	726	780
Total expenditure	1,228	4,902
Net movement in funds	(1,205)	(4,337)
Unrestricted funds brought forward	(11,502)	(7,165)
Unrestricted funds carried forward	(12,707)	(11,502)

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	399	878
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Other Creditors	(660)	0
Accruals	(726)	(660)
Loan	(9,500)	(9,500)
Net current assets	(10,487)	(9,282)
Net assets	(10,487)	(9,282)
Funds		
Unrestricted funds	(12,707)	(11,502)

Approved by the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Marc Duschenes

Trustee

Date : 31/7/25