



Charity number: 1185819

Liberty Jamboree Annual Chairs Report

Year – 2019 - 2020

On behalf of all the trustees, I start this yearly report by offering personal thanks to all the staff, families, and members of Liberty Jamboree for the immense dedication and work that has been put in to get Liberty through what has been a transformational year.

COVID-19

In this COVID-19 Pandemic we recognise that this has been an immensely frustrating and potentially difficult time for Liberty which is in its first year as a registered charity, but we have seen skilled diversity and modifications, hastily made to adapt to the ever-changing COVID-19 restrictions to keep its young people connected. Importantly, Liberty has still grown in its offerings and when things get back to something like normality our smaller bubble groups that have developed into a range of exciting opportunities will still have an especially important role to play.

Safeguarding.

Maggi and her team have remained up to date on all training and safeguarding sessions relating to young people, especially regarding the constantly shifting government rules this year. As trustees we have witnessed exemplary safety measures being put in place quickly and efficiently to ensure members remain safe and well. Along with Government & NYA guidelines Liberty closed and reopened its doors for face-to-face youth club social bubble sessions more than once this year. Liberty also became a registered provider for day provisions within the council.

Growth in provision and offering.

The additions and growth of more non-contact sports clubs has been seen to have great success in these difficult times, one to one or small group running, fitness sessions and online dance activities. Liberty took an active part in the 2.6 challenge and At Home Superhero Projects to keep young people active and motivated. Liberty Ladies football team went from strength to strength culminating with a visit to Aston Villa.

Within the arts, Liberty has introduced more sing and sign groups that can also easily adapt to online sessions, we have formed a collaboration with nonverbal theatre in partnership with the Birmingham Repertory Open Theatre. Dance classes, social groups, boys' clubs, girls' clubs, cooking clubs, Quiz sessions and small or one to one break out groups for those struggling with the isolation of lockdown or the enormity of online zoom sessions.

Mental Health Development

This year Liberty has remained focused on its offer to young people/adults with Special Educational Needs, Disabilities &/or Mental Ill Health by developing small, focused programmes, online meetings and one to one support which has enabled its members to stay connected and improve mental health.

The focus on individual achievement as well as team efforts has also developed this year, seeing our members gain credit for their own efforts both in communication, sport, and academic success. Liberty held its first awards evening at Lichfield Arts Hub where it celebrated its members in style.

We have seen the development of our young people as new ambassadors within the club for each sport and arts activities as well as a growing mentor scheme.

Donated goods, facilities, and services, including volunteers.

We must not forget the incredible work our volunteers do within the various areas. Our volunteers need to be recognised as a vital part of the success of Liberty. 9 young adults with SEND have completed 100 hours delivery towards their National Level 2 in youth work. They are all shining examples and positive role models.

Another 4 members of Liberty on Board started volunteering at New Oscot Village, a care home for the elderly.

The Butterfly Hut work opportunity is continuing to thrive giving work/voluntary opportunities to its day provision members.

The trustees were pleased to see ongoing youth training programs and collaboration with nationwide and community schemes expanding.

We have seen donations in time and skills from many families including the printing of publicity banners, flyers and the like from Mr Rob Page. Families and volunteers came together to decorate and deep clean Burntwood to enable the safe re opening when restrictions were lifted. The support during the summer with outside space from Hammerwich Cricket club and provision of toilet facilities and tents from various members families has been uplifting.

Accounting for financial assets and financial liabilities

Although continuing to run from Tamworth, Liberty has this year secured the Lease from Support Staffordshire on the building at Burntwood. This is a fabulous development allowing for more growth offering not only to it members but for connecting with other community groups.

Accounting and reporting: in line with the statement of recommended practice (SORP)

The accounts have been submitted by Goodwins, Chartered Accountants & Taxation Consultants
6 Parkside Court, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 7AU

I would like to note thanks to Goodwins for their support this year.

Recognition of income, including legacies, grants and members income.

We are in a financially stable place. The bids from COVID-19 relief schemes have been of great help however Liberty has seen a drop in usage of the sessions due to isolating and vulnerable young people and those without access to online meetings. Liberty has continued to contact most of its members throughout this crisis to check up on wellbeing and safeguarding.

Since becoming a charity, fundraising bids to charitable foundations and trusts have enjoyed increasing success this year. We are seeing more 'smart' applications written resulting in more successful bids than ever. Again, I congratulate the team in this.

Board of Trustees

I would like to thank the new Board whose knowledge, skills and expertise ensures that our governance and leadership will continue to provide a professional and multi skilled Trustee Board.

Our directorship changed during the year with the resignation of Natalie due to work/home commitments.

With Maggi and her team showing an even firmer commitment to its members, the trustees are confident that the future will be a positive one which will ensure our most vulnerable and underrepresented young people in the community are cared for and have a voice.

Thank you, a great first year in the face of adversity, you are all really appreciated, and I look forward to another exciting year for Liberty Jamboree.

Ashley Hall BEM

Chair of Trustees Liberty Jamboree



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Liberty Jamboree

On accounts for the year
ended

31st October 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1185819

Set out on pages

2 and 3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2020.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

06/01/2021

Name:

Leigh John Goodwin

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Chartered Accountant

(if any):

Address:

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Financial Statements – year ended 31 October 2020

General information

Charity Number

Liberty Jamboree is registered with Charity Commission for England and Wales under number 1185819

Charity Registered Address

Burntwood Youth Centre
Cherry Close
Burntwood
WS7 4RJ

Trustees

Ashley Hall – Chair
Denise Middleton – Deputy Chair
Keegan Smith – Treasurer
Helen Vallance – Secretary

Independent Examiner

Leigh Goodwin
Goodwins Chartered Accountants
6 Parkside Court
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LIBERTY JAMBOREE IMPACT REPORT 2020
The difference we have made to our community

LIBERTY'S VISION

‘Young People & Adults with Special Educational Needs, Disabilities &/or Mental Ill Health enjoy great learning and participate fully within their communities.’

LIBERTY'S AIM

‘To offer young people/adults with Special Educational Needs, Disabilities &/or Mental Ill Health equal opportunities within Staffordshire by developing programmes which enable its members similar or the same experiences as any other young person.’



OUR 2020 IMPACT IN NUMBERS

IN THE LAST YEAR
(SINCE OCTOBER 2019)
LIBERTY HAVE

647
MEMBERS &
443
ACTIVE
MEMBERS

LIBERTY WORK WITH

25 MEMBERS

MEMBERS WHO ARE IN
THE 0-20% MOST DEPRIVED IN STAFFORDSHIRE AND

85 MEMBERS

WHO ARE IN THE 20-40% MOST DEPRIVED IN
STAFFORDSHIRE IN RELATION TO
THE OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS

IN THE LAST YEAR LIBERTY
HAVE PROVIDED MEMBERS
WITH

1,052.58
SESSION HOURS
WHICH IS
16,816.25
PHYSICAL/CONTACT HOURS

THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN LIBERTY'S
FURTHEST MEMBERS IS

68
MILES

BETWEEN
MARCH 23RD 2020 –
JUNE 23RD 2020,
(MAIN COVID 19 LOCKDOWN)

LIBERTY
OFFERED
OVER 854
HOURS

OF SESSIONS
TO OUR MEMBERS VIA
ALTERNATIVE ONLINE
SOURCES

OUR MEMBER/VOLUNTEER/INTERNS HAVE ATTENDED A TOTAL OF

629 SESSIONS,
1878.50 SESSION HOURS
AND COMPLETED
441.5 VOLUNTEER HOURS

ONE MEMBER HAS ATTENDED
A TOTAL OF 609 SESSIONS,
1934.23 SESSION HOURS
(MOST SESSIONS ATTENDED)

IN THE LAST YEAR,
THE YOUNGEST MEMBER
LIBERTY HAS WORKED WITH IS
AGED 10
AND THE OLDEST MEMBER WE
HAVE WORKED WITH IS
AGED 30

WE HAVE WORKED WITH
OVER 25
DIFFERENT
AGENCIES
IN STAFFORDSHIRE



2020 HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

30 members visited Cadburys World Birmingham; Liberty launched SEN boxing session.



FEBRUARY

Liberty held its first celebration award ceremony and handed out 44 awards; Liberty ladies football team played at Aston Villa training camp.



MARCH

Over 90 young people took part in community social action projects over Tamworth, Burntwood & Rugeley; 4 members of Liberty on Board started volunteering at New Oscot Village; Celebration of International Women's Day National Campaign across all provisions.

APRIL

Liberty celebrated its 5th birthday; Shine & Sign Choir completed their Level 1 & 2 Makaton Training. Liberty raised £2,600 from the 2.6 challenge.



MAY

Butterfly hut at the Plant Plot is 1 year old; Press coverage within West Midlands media in the Birmingham Mail and Express and Star and BRMB for their signing video to Vera Lynn.



JUNE

Liberty was recognised in the Daily Mirror for Pride of Britain award.



JULY

Liberty won Grass Roots Community Football of the year. Liberty enabled one member who lives with Cerebral Palsy & uses a wheel chair to enter a disability fashion model campaign, and was approached by Sandra Bullock for further shots to use within her up and coming Campaigns

AUGUST

90 members attended SPACE Scheme; Liberty staff ran 100 miles, creating 100 smiles. Liberty became a registered provider for day provisions within the council.



SEPTEMBER

Liberty reopened its doors for face to face youth club social bubble sessions within Government & NYA guidelines. Liberty appeared on the BBC to receive funds from Sebs 100 Acts of Kindness. 33 Jamboree members visited Barry Island.



OCTOBER

Liberty Jamboree celebrated being a registered charity for 1 year, Liberty celebrated Black History month. Shine & Sign Choir linked with St Johns Primary school to teach pupils Makaton.



NOVEMBER

9 young adults with SEND have completed 100 hours delivery towards their National Level 2 in youth work. They are all shining examples and positive role models. At Home Winter Wonder wheels – around the world launched.

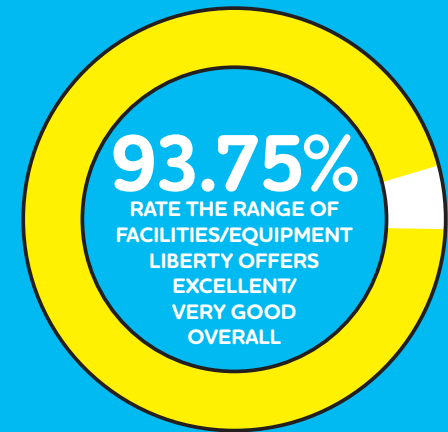
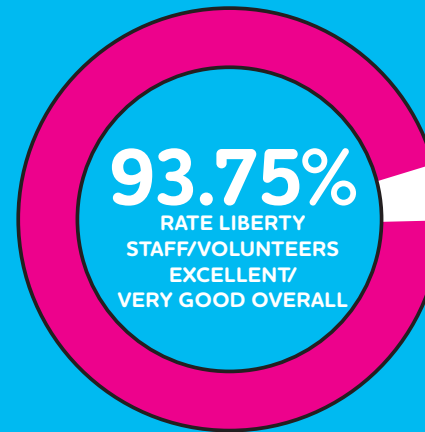
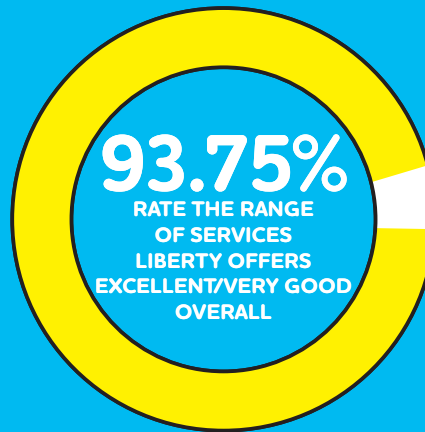
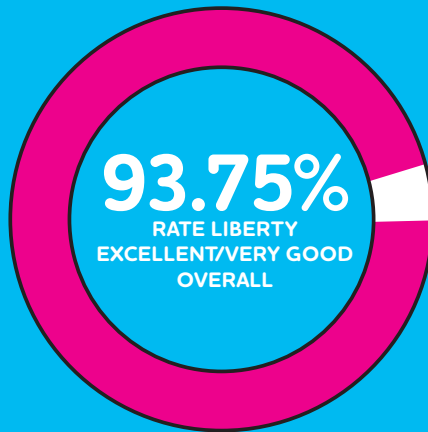


DECEMBER

51 young people have engaged with Travel Training throughout the year. Liberty delivered an 'Autism Awareness' Package in partnership with the National Youth Agency to The Premiership Foundation Programme.



WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY



WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY THEY HAVE GAINED FROM BEING PART OF LIBERTY:



“WITHOUT LIBERTY I WOULDN'T LEAVE THE HOUSE, I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS MY OWN AGE AND I WOULDN'T HAVE REALISED HOW HAPPY I COULD BE – THANK YOU TO MY LIBERTY FAMILY.”
H, AGED 20

“MAKING NEW FRIENDS, HAVING FUN, LEARNING NEW SKILLS, GAINING INDEPENDENCE, INCREASING CONFIDENCE, CHALLENGING SELF, GAINING EMPLOYMENT SKILLS & LIFE SKILLS.”

“I'M SO GLAD I'VE FOUND LIBERTY – EVERYONE IS AMAZING, THANK YOU.” J, AGED 12

“THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THIS YEAR, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST WITHOUT YOU ALL.” K, MUM TO E, AGED 12.

“DURING COVID, LIBERTY KEPT ME ENGAGED, I STILL SAW MY FRIENDS ONLINE; I TOOK PART IN ALL THE CHALLENGES AND THEY KEPT ME BUSY AND HAPPY.” L, AGED 17



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE YEAR AHEAD



Support more young adults into work based opportunities (Including Job Coaches)



Offer more adapted emotional wellbeing provisions for members



Enable the Butterfly hut to be completely run by Liberty members



Offer an abroad holiday for Jamboree members



Offer more parents/carers support



Target more young people with complex disabilities and provide more opportunities



Engage and encourage more fundraising opportunities



Look at the development of an age 8-10 years old youth club ran by our Trainee Youth Workers with SEND



Group PA sessions/ Weekend Childcare/More Overnight Provisions

LIBERTYS STRATEGIC GOALS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

To facilitate youth provisions focusing on social developments and adapted emotional wellbeing opportunities, fun activities, independent living and life skills workshops as well as informal curriculum based activities to help develop young people's resilience and social and emotional learning.

1

To provide a range of inclusive, adapted sporting opportunities to help promote a healthy, active lifestyles whilst encouraging team building and emotional wellbeing

2

To offer needs led targeted projects focusing on group work and personal development such as 'Shine and Sign' Choir, Emotional Wellbeing & a Girls Group.

3

To be a voice for young people and young adults with SEND and mental ill health, discussing and influencing issues that affect them and to develop and carry out social action projects.

4

To offer targeted group work to young adults focusing on life skills, independent living, employability skills and travel training to learn, grow and develop - widening their world; we aim to empower each individual to increase their self-esteem and offer a chance to discover and develop, enabling them to be more visible within their communities.

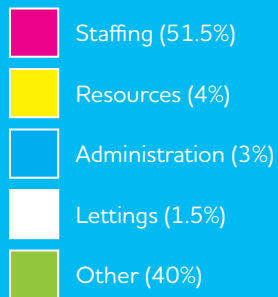
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To empower and support young adults to organise a range of social activities such as day trips, evenings out, UK holidays and holidays abroad; becoming a social network of peer support.

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ACCOUNTS



Total Income 19-20

Opening Balance	£3,198.71
External Funding/Fundraising/ Sponsorship/Donation	£102,030.12
Subscriptions/Trips/holidays and cancelled events	£71,479.49
TOTAL	£176,708.32

Outgoings

Staffing £59,146.72	
Resources - £4,706.85	
Lettings £1,833	
Insurance - £1,765.33	
Training - £824.08	
Advertising £150.12	
Postage £60.94	
Other - £46,290.10	
Total outgoing	£114,777.00
Carry over to 2021	£61,931.18

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Charity number 1185819

