



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From**                      **February 28<sup>th</sup> 2021** **Period start date to March 31st**  
**2022**    **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Drama Express

**Charity registration number:** 1188250

### **Objectives and Activities**

Drama Express provides opportunities for young people with complex disabilities to access the performing arts within the county of Cornwall. Drama Express recognizes the importance of creating, developing and sustaining peer group friendships through a shared experience of drama. Drama Express aims to end the isolation of many young people with complex disabilities, linking the benefits of drama to maintaining positive mental health. There is a current membership of young people with disabilities including autism and asperger's syndrome, sensory impairments, cognitive processing deficits, epilepsy, restricted/limited mobility, learning difficulties, genetic disorders, dyspraxia and chronic neurological conditions.

Through access to Drama Express there are a wide range of skills and knowledge opportunities available. These are focused on singing, dancing, acting, costume design, script writing, improvisation and technical production. The mental well-being of each young person is stimulated through an active mind, created through engagement in an exciting and fulfilling interest. There are also opportunities to create a greater trust in others and oneself, enhance social skills, better body and voice awareness and the promotion of imagination, play and creativity.

Aspects of performing arts, especially improvisation, help young people to understand how to appraise situations, think outside the box and be more confident going into unfamiliar situations. Being creative and learning to make creative choices helps young people to be better at thinking of new ideas, allowing them to view the world around them in new ways. Understanding characters and roles allows young people to relate better to different situations, backgrounds, and cultures. It encourages them to show compassion and tolerance for others.

Drama Express provides a sense of ownership and belonging through creating a welcoming and positive environment. Drama Express focusses on the key aim to make the performing arts accessible regardless of individual disabilities and complex support needs, with any barriers to inclusion identified and overcome.

### **Achievements During the Accounting Period**

- Drama Express has continued to increase it's number of volunteers and membership of young people. An increase of 50% in both areas
- Activities have increased geographically with expansion into both Devon and the Isles of Scillies.
- A successful workshop programme delivered on the themes of creative writing, voice (accents and dialect) contemporary dance, improvisation skills, film studies, puppetry, developing a character, monologues, drumming /percussion, mime, role play, storytelling and musical theatre.
- Performances have been delivered throughout the West Country area including a range of theatres, festivals, and community spaces.
- Drama Express was honoured to receive the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, recognition for 'breaking down barriers' at the National Autism Awards, the Voluntary Arts Epic Award for England and the Amateo Award for European culture celebrating diversity in the arts

Drama Express CIO		Charity No	1188250		
		Company No			
Period start date	###	To	Period end date	03/31/2022	

## Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
<b>Income (Note 3)</b>						
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	S01	24,436	7,350		31,786	63,200
Charitable activities	S02					-
Other trading activities	S03					-
Investments	S04					-
Separate material item of income	S05					-
Other	S06					-
<b>Total</b>	S07	24,436	7,350		31,786	63,200
<b>Expenditure (Notes 6)</b>						
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	S08		-	-		402
Charitable activities	S09	32,024	7,350	-	39,374	13,556
Separate material expense item	S10					295
Other	S11	585	-	-	585	-
<b>Total</b>	S12	32,609	7,350	-	39,959	14,253
<b>before tax for the reporting period</b>	S13	- 8,731	-		- 8,173	48,947
Tax payable	S14					-
<b>Investment gains/ (losses)</b>	S15	- 8,731			- 8,173	48,947
Net gains/ (losses) on investments	S16					-

**Net income/  
(expenditure)**

S17

- 8,731			- 8,731	48,947
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**Extraor  
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S18

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**transfers between  
funds**

S19

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**Other recognised  
gains/(losses)**

S20

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on the charity's

own use

Other  
gains/  
(losses)

S21

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**Net movement in  
funds**

S22

- 8,731			- 8,731	48,947
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funds:**

total funds brought

forward

S23

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**total funds carried  
forward**

S24

23,966	16,250		40,216	48,947
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38,586

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DRAMA EXPRESS CIO

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 which are appended.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence required by an audit and consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention;

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement  
  . to keeping accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and  
  . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the  
    accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met, or;

2. To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper  
  understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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9<sup>th</sup> December 2022