

FIGHTING FOR AUTISM (EUROPE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1189562

Details

Other names	FIGHTING FOR AUTISM, FIGHTING FOR AUTISM(EUROPE)
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-05-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED AS BEING ON THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM AND THEIR FAMILIES BY:A)ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;B)ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF TRAINING, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.

Activities: Fighting For Autism (Europe) aims to raise autism awareness and encourage autism acceptance through the Boxing, Martial Arts, Health and fitness communities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£375	£908	-	-
2024-03-31		£608	£2,000	-	-
2023-03-31		£564	£1,465	-	-
2022-03-31		£3,779	£1,638	-	-
2021-03-31		£2,747	£144	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Greany	Chair	2020-05-20
Jonathan Sarl		2024-04-01
Julia Hilliard		2020-05-20
Tony Bailey		2020-05-20

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Accounts Summary and end of Year Report 01/04/2024 -31/03/2025

Beginning of year amount in account 01/04/2024 in £	3112.39	End of year amount in account 31/03/2025 in £	2602.00
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Payments out

Date	Amount Paid in £	Paid to	Reason	Comments
08/04/2024	25.00	Immortal 365	Charity Event Entry fee	
26/07/2024	14.60	Micary Embroidery	Sensory bag purchase	
08/08/2024	17.90	Direct Fundraising	Charity Buckets for Ian Papworth fundraiser	Amount not collected owing to ill health of Mr Papworth
13/08/2024	126.00	Mr Jon Sarl	Liability Insurance for Charity	
19/09/2024	7.99	Evri	Delivery	
08/12/2024	264.72	Mr Anthony Bailey	Website upkeep and retention/subsctiion fees	
02/01/2025	12.00	Ms Julia Hilliard	Purchase of Sensory equipment	
11/02/2025	346.18	Adobe	Adobe services for posters	to query with view to reducing fee
11/02/2025	15.17	Adobe	Monthly subscription	
11/03/2025	63.00	Micary Embroidery	Purchase of hoodies for Junior Ambassadors	
11/03/2025	15.17	Abobe	Monthly subscription	
11 Payments	Total Spent £	907.73		

15/04/2024	120.00	Donation
31/01/2025	252.34	Donation
Total in £	372.34	

Income as listed above (in Green)

End of Year report.

Total spending £907.73 with donations in being £372.34

An extremely difficult year for the charity that has seen us run at a loss of £531.39, we have tried to keep our overheads as low as reasonably practicable, however repeated pledges of donations fail to hit the charity accounts, and promises of clothing companies to sell fighting for autism items but do little in the way of sending any donations to the the charity.

A preferred supplier list does need to be generated.

There does seem to be a discreapncy with regards to Adobe, who seem to be taking 2 sums of money the £15.17 amount we know is a rolling monthly subscription, however £346.18 needs to be ascertained as to whether that was previous services (year 2023-2024)

We still want to help as many people as possible, but to enable us to do more , we do need additonal funding/donatiois to do so

Chairman : ____Paul Greany_____

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Annual Report
Financial Year 2023 –2024

Trustees

Mr Paul Greany – Chairman
Miss Julia Hilliard – Treasurer
Mr Anthony Bailey – Trustee
Mr Jon Sarr – Trustee.

An extremely challenging financial year that despite initiatives like the Anthony Pillage Fighting Fund Initiative have not had the influx of applicants expected. Coupled with the permanent closure of so many clubs after the COVID lockdowns, cost of living challenges faced particularly by those on low incomes, local authority grants and increased marketing drives from high profile charities, the impact on smaller charities like ourselves has been felt greatly. Plans for next year are to increase the presence of Fighting For Autism as a charity that aims to assist those in need and those who help them and consider avenues of exploration of raising the charity's profile and its aims.

Outgoing expenses for the financial year = £1199.87p

Breakdown of expenses and all approved unanimously by the board of trustees.

1. £200.00p donation to Ambassador Daniel Lerwell to compete in the USA.
2. £80.00p to Micary Embroidery services for clothing for Junior Ambassadors
3. £298.49 to Mr Anthony Bailey for Website and domain fees – (invoice supplied).
4. £300.00 Partial Payment of a Personal Computer for charity use, the outstanding amount and payment for an extended warranty on that personal computer are met by Paul Greany. (Invoice supplied)
5. £298.02 for Adobe software- used for creation of posters and awareness initiatives.
6. £23.36 for awareness material and distribution.

Donations incoming £608.44p

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Trustees Annual Report

For period from 01-04-2022 to 31-03-2023

This report details the activities of the charity and provide a breakdown of expenditure and expenses for the charity in period from 01-04-2022-31-03-2023 as well as any changes experienced by the charity.

1. Trustees – Appointments and Resignations

Fighting For Autism (Europe) would like to extend our gratitude to Trustees Mr David Holstead, Mr Karl Butcher and Mr Steven Riley for their assistance since the charity's creation who tended their resignations from the charity and would like to express

Nominations and retentions of positions within the charity are

Mr Paul Greany – Chairman (nominated and accepted)

Mr Anthony Bailey – Secretary (nominated and accepted)

Miss Julia Hilliard – Treasurer (nominated and accepted)

Safeguarding Lead Officer Miss Julia Hillard (retained position)

Safeguarding Officer Mr Scott Tunstall. (retained position)

Further interest has been expressed with regards to Trustee positions and information provided.

Action – Positions remain open.

2. Overview.

Fighting For Autism (Europe) as a charity have experienced a negative downturn in donations owing to the rising cost of living and the effects caused by the pandemic, which in turn has also had an impact towards the clubs and gyms affiliated with us to assist in achieving the charity's aims and directives.

Sadly, rising costs and retention /returning of members following the pandemic has also caused some of the club affiliates of to shut down permanently.

Affordability

The charity has often been asked about setting up an online store to sell merchandise, upon exploration the avenues have always been deemed as too expensive particularly as many our supporters may come from low-income families particularly in the current economic climate. The charity remains to continue to explore this as a means of additional income, however making sure we are true to our objectives also ensure that anything we

3. The Tony Pillage Fighting Fund Initiative

Fighting For Autism, created the Tony Pillage Fund in his honour and memorial to our friend Tony Pillage who sadly lost his battle with Cancer.

The initiative aims to help autistic individuals or those with an additional need and their families from low-income households and who might be struggling financially. The Tony Pillage Fund makes small £50 donations for of things like just Martial Arts, Boxing or gym equipment or kit to enable the student to partake in the activity of their choosing in a bid to maintain a healthy lifestyle and engage socially

All grant applications are vetted by the committee and awards are decided on individual merit (only 1 application per household can be made per year to maximise the amount of people the initiative can assist).

A support donation of up to £50 from the charity to successful single applicants who meet the criteria and does not need to be paid back.

Applications can be made to attain a grant for anything needed by that individual or family, which they would otherwise struggle to afford (example - kit or equipment required to take part in an activity or club)

Applications can be for financial assistance with provision of kit/equipment, but as time progresses and depending on how successful the initiative may become and the challenges families face, the parameters of the fund could increase to cover costs for food, clothing. bills or travel expenses. Team sponsorships are looked at on a case-by-case basis for affordability /feasibility

Action – Continuous monitor and review by Trustees

4. Sponsorships for SEN participation and activities.

Fighting For Autism proudly became the sponsor of Everett Rovers Adult Inclusive Football team based in Watford Hertfordshire, Everett Rovers offers a chance of adults with varying needs and abilities the chance to train and play football, our sponsorship donation of £500 ensured that the players from every adult inclusive team at the club had a reversible football jersey so they can represent their club when training and when playing in tournaments, the teams which comprise of Premier, Championship and Division One teams and have represented the club both at local and national inclusion tournaments.

Sponsorship of Magic Touch Sensory Friendly Magic Show, the charity sponsored payment of the use of a hall in Bretton , Peterborough and equipment to contribute towards the success of the show for its audience.

The Magic Touch enables those with additional to engage and take part in a magic show that is tailor made to be sensory friendly and in a setting that is accessible for all to enjoy

Sponsorship has also come in the way of providing each new junior ambassador with the choice of a hoodie or a sew on patch with a baseball cap with the fighting for autism logo on it, that enables our junior ambassadors to provide a message of awareness, acceptance and inclusion whether it's at a club/gym level or when competing.

We have also contributed towards an athlete in their bid to compete at the commonwealth games, as well as continue to support clubs in providing literature/equipment to maximise awareness, acceptance and inclusion strategies

5. Spending and income

Charity Income for period of 01-04-2022-31-03-2023

£563.83p

Achieved by donations.

Spending Outgoings for Period 01-04-2022-31-03-2023

£1465.28p

Breakdown of costs/outgoings

Sponsorships for Autistic/SEN activities & inclusion strategies.

£- 861.99

Maintenance of Fighting for Autism Website and Software Renewals

FightingForAutismEurope.org website domain and maintenance of email addresses and contacts - £278.10p

Zoom (Video Conference Service) -£143 (Refunded £136.79 as service terminated)

Adobe Creative Cloud - £298.02

Postage £20.96

6. Future.

The challenges of the past year drive us on to try and reduce overheads to as low as reasonably practicable to enhance efficiency in the services we aim to provide.

Sourcing of cheaper alternatives that provide value for money that will enable us to use funding to assist more people and achieve our aims of getting more awareness, acceptance and inclusion strategies in place that will assist those that need it most along with their families/carers/loved ones.

Action – ongoing

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End of Year.

Challenges that arose from the pandemic are still ongoing with some clubs trying to rebuild as the restrictions were lifted, other clubs the financial and emotional impact resulted in them having to cease operating.

Using platforms like Zoom, had limited benefit, and owing to the yearly cost being £143.88p a decision was made by the Trustees to opt to not renew the service, primarily as there are other platforms that offer the same service with less or no cost, allowing distribution of funds to areas that would be better suited.

Our website is running and regularly reviewed costs of running for £139.08 and £215.88p, the website is a vital part of Fighting For Autism Europe as it also provides access to our social media streams and successful blog. Services for Adobe, which enables the charity to create literature/posters was £196.30p (discounted rate)

As a charity we faced the challenge of trying to source clubs that have re-opened with an open door/open heart ethos for potential students who may be autistic or have an additional need and work alongside them offering support for families of autistic students or those with an additional need as well as the club.

The Fighting For Autism (Europe) ambassador program is steadily growing with a growing number of junior ambassadors becoming involved with the charity, raising awareness at their local club/dojo/gym. Each junior ambassador also receives a choice of either a baseball cap/sew on patch or a hoody, a high volume of whom are autistic themselves, sharing positive stories, guidance, advice has been a real success. The Trustees have agreed to expand the program to include Fitness activities to widen our vision of awareness, acceptance and inclusion. The trial has also been that autistic ambassadors will be heavily involved and supported by the trustees in a bid to build and seek opportunities in these fields of expertise and explore the possibility of an autistic person or someone with an additional need receiving vocational training and potential employment in that sector, and identify/rectify where challenges may be. (I.e. lack of training courses)

Over the year the trustees agreed on Autism Awareness, Acceptance and inclusion at club level, the charity purchased and distributed copies of "Safeguarding Autistic Girls" written by Carly Jones MBE. This decision was submitted and approved by the trustees, 10 copies of the book have been purchased at a cost of £16.61 each and distributed to affiliated clubs and coaching staff to enhance their knowledge base. The feedback from those who received the literature has been very positive.

Over Autism Awareness Month, as part of our awareness, acceptance and inclusion strategy we offered the chance for people to become involved in 1 minutes exercise for autism awareness, acceptance and inclusion. Uploading a video and inviting others to get involved with hashtags on social media to enhance engagement, the trustees approved purchase of T shirts for the best videos submitted.

Provision of Sensory Bags was also agreed by the trustee's that enable affiliated clubs to store items for autistic students that can be utilised as and when required, the items within the bags would be provided by the club/parent/individual owing to their level of need/requirement. Any associated information required to go with the bag will be created by Fighting For Autism (Europe) with the assistance of the club/parent/individual

Fundraising.

Most funds submitted have been done so by the kindness of those involved in online forums or from affiliated ambassadors, cost for the provision of a company to fundraise (professional fundraisers) have proven to be too expensive currently, and the charity is not in a position that is considered financially strong enough to engage with them.

Next Steps

The charity aims to engage with more people going forward, enhancing awareness, acceptance and inclusion strategies, and also enhance the opportunities currently available.

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19/02/2020-31/03/2021

List of trustees

Paul Greany- Chairman
Anthony Bailey- Secretary
David Holstead- Treasurer
Julia Hilliard- (Temporary Treasurer)
Steven Riley
Karl Butcher.

Fighting For Autism (Europe) was granted registered charity status on the 19th of May 2020 this summary is for the period from 19th May 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Major challenges were faced upon the status being granted primarily owing to COVID-19 and the many subsequent changes that it has brought along with it, which has had a detrimental affect on the people we have aimed to assist and the ways in which we can assist.

Banking.

Most of the main high street banks were solely dealing with government initiatives that covered small business during the pandemic (e.g bounce-back loans for small businesses) This in turn meant that the majority of high street banks were no longer taking on new businesses and charity accounts were unable to be created. Fighting For Autism (Europe) eventually managed to find a High Street Bank that were still taking new Charity accounts as new business, but there was a significant delay in being able to create an account and also gain access to the account which has been far from ideal.

This has also led to an inability for the Treasurer of Fighting For Autism (Europe) being unable to get to his nearest branch to fulfil the criteria required to gain access, owing to distance and requests for repeated visits to the banking provider, The charity had to ask one of the other trustees to become a temporary treasurer until such a time that a nearer branch is created, the criteria can be achieved via telephone/electronic mail or an alternative banking provider could be sourced.

Revenue.

Fighting For Autism (Europe) revenue streams for the period from 19th May 2020 to 31st of May 2021 have been via cheque donations with the long delay in finding a banking provider meant our first donation that came via cheque was received in November 2020.

The challenges faced with COVID-19 and the constantly changing government guidelines and criteria meant that the clubs that we work alongside were unable to open and in turn the individuals we aim to assist were unable attend, this in turn prevented Fighting For Autism (Europe) in having the engagement we would normally as the way in which we aimed to operate and the people we aimed to assist by the criteria and guidelines imposed owing to COVID-19. This severely also impacted fighting For Autism (Europe) from having a physical presence at awareness initiatives or seminars where the potential to fund raise would have been available, as social gathering had been restricted and impacted the mission of the charity significantly, bringing it to a virtual standstill. In January 2021 Fighting For Autism (Europe) purchased a one year subscription to Zoom which is a media platform that enables multiple users to engage in online meetings/gathering could take place, albeit via a different method, the ideology was to maintain some form of engagement and provide information, support or activities that could be carried out online, until such a time that the criteria/guidelines change so that indoor social gathering measures are relaxed and indoor activities can resume.

Revenue received 19th May 2020 - 31st March 2021.

£2746.43p

Revenue Spent 19th May 2020- 31st March 2021

£143.88p

Payments to staff.

£0.00p

Expenses Claimed

£0.00p

Charity Balance 31st March 2021

£2602.55p

Future Plans for the Charity

Until changes are made to the criteria/guidelines on social gathering and exercise are made, Fighting For Autism (Europe) will endeavour to provide assistance and guidance electronically by the means of social media presence, to be able to further promote for autism awareness, acceptance and inclusion we are currently in the process of creating our charity website, this will enable Fighting For Autism (Europe) to be able to provide information on the charity and its aims, and how we can assist, as well as be able to provide links to our already established social media accounts.

Paul Greany
Chairman
Fighting For Autism (Europe)

