

EXTRAORDINARY LINKS CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1190383

Details

Other names EXTRAORDINAY LINKS CIC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-07-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF DISABLED CHILDREN AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) AND THEIR PARENTS, CARERS AND SIBLINGS (THE 'BENEFICIARIES') IN THE BRISTOL AREA BY THE PROVISION OF, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY:(A) FREE ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR THE BENEFICIARIES IN THE COMMUNITY. (B) SIGNPOSTING THE PARENTS, CARERS AND SIBLINGS TO ORGANISATIONS THAT CAN GIVE SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

Activities: Extraordinary Links CIO currently operates in Shirehampton and the surrounding areas in Bristol. We currently offer a free activity group for disabled and SEN children and their families. We also offer support and sign-posting to parent/carers on organisation which can help their child.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-24	£15,875	£5,595	-	-
2024-02-24	£3,891	£4,446	-	-
2023-02-24	£2,744	£5,556	-	-
2022-02-24	£500	£3,574	-	-
2021-02-24	£10,562	£657	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gillian Crea M.A. B.A	Chair	2020-05-12
Emma Wallington		2020-05-13
Sandra Thomas		2020-05-13

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Governing Documents

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Risk Review

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No further trustees have been appointed in the last year.

Trustees Report

2024/25 was a year of growth for our charity and collaboration with other organisations; however, the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on donations received by the charity and the rising costs of essential items, such as premises costs and business insurance did affect our funding levels.

Thanks to a generous donation from Bristol Zoo during the summer holidays, we were able to offer low-cost visits for families. This was very well received, and we thank Bristol Zoo for providing tickets for these visits.

Extraordinary Links was also nominated for other awards, including the National Diversity Awards and the Movement For Good by the Benefact Group, demonstrating that our work is making a positive impact on the families we serve. We also attended the first Together for SEND, organised by Bristol Parents Carers, where we delivered a workshop on Disabled Children's Allowance for parents and carers, and hosted a stall to promote Extraordinary Links and our activities.

Our activity group has been growing steadily, with an average of 15 children attending each week. This offers children the chance to make friends and develop social and life skills, while parents, carers, and siblings can relax in a safe environment, learn new skills, and engage in creative activities. Our Minecraft Social Group has also expanded thanks to a generous grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, which allowed us to purchase tablets for group use. Additionally, we extended our Minecraft Social Group to include a virtual session, which has been very well received. The virtual session enables SEND children who cannot attend in person to enjoy social contact, make friends, and interact with their peers.

We also raised funding through a Prize Draw this year, with items donated by local businesses and other supporters in the area, who included

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Pay and Remuneration

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Vision, Mission and Objectives

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Principle Funding Sources

The funding of Extraordinary Links CIO during this year was met by reserves, a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, a grant from Burges Salmon Charitable Trust, and a grant from the John James Foundation. Nisbets also kindly raised funds through the Bristol Marathon. Our Christmas prize draw, tickets to our Christmas Party, and other donations from members of the Public.

Restricted and unrestricted and designated funds

We are reporting a surplus of £ 14164.26 for the period ending 24 February 2025, due to this funding being available for next year's rolling fund for our charity. These funds have been earmarked for future costs, such as activity group supplies, hall rental, and miscellaneous expenses. The funding from the John James Foundation was restricted to paying for the Rent of Shirehampton Public Hall for this year.

Future Financial Position

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Our trustees regularly review the impact of our finances and how we can look towards the future, regularly looking for further funding opportunities to ensure we can still provide the services we offer to the community.

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Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure)

Opening Bank Balance	£3795.19
24/02/23	
Income	
	15,874.69
John James Foundation (Restricted)	768
Burges Salmon Charitable Trust	350
National Lottery	13,111.60
Nisbets	1,044.77
Bristol Parents Carers Crowdfunder	50
PayPal – Donations	165.39
Donations	158.06
Refunds of goods	142.33
Total Funds	84.54
	19,669.88
Expenditure	
Rent of Hall	706.77
Zoom Yearly Cost	155.88
Tablets for Minecraft Group	935.64
Supplies for Activity Group	2,601.87
Insurance	180.58
Printing Costs	337.37
Bank Service Charge	5.00
Website upkeep and Domain	551.53
Staff Training Costs	120
Total Expenditure	5,594.64
Closing Bank Balance	14,075.24

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Approved by the trustees on 26.10.2025 and sign on their behalf by

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Gillian Crea (Chair)

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We all partnered with Bristol Parent Carers during the summer holidays to provide a low-cost visit for the families we help to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, this was very well received, and we thank Bristol Parent Carers for agreeing to cover the cost of this visit.

Our chairperson, Gillian Crea, was also nominated for the BBC's Make a Difference award for her volunteer work with Extraordinary Links, which further raised the profile of Extraordinary Links.

Extraordinary Links was also nominated for other awards, The National Diversity Awards and the Movement For Good by the Benefact Group, demonstrating the work we are doing is making an impact for the families we work with.

Our activity group has been growing from strength to strength, with 15 children on average attending our sessions each week. This is an opportunity for these children to find friends and develop social skills and life skills, whilst allowing the parents, carers and siblings to relax in a safe environment whilst learning new skills and creative ventures.

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Principle Funding Sources

The funding of Extraordinary Links CIO during this year was met by reserves, a grant from the Co-operative Members Fund, and St. Bernard's Primary School PTA, funding was also received from received from our Christmas prize draw and through tickets to our Christmas Party, and other donations from members of the Public.

Restricted and unrestricted and designated funds

We are reporting a surplus of £3,470.47 for the period ending 24th February 2024 due to this funding being available for next year's rolling fund for our charity, these funds have been earmarked for future costs such as activity group supplies, rent of the hall and miscellaneous expenses.

Future Financial Position

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Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure)

Opening Bank Balance **£4025.11**
24/02/23

Income	3,891.6
St Bernard PTA	415.75
Amazon Smile	23.96
Co-Op membership Fund	2756.03
Crowdfunder	173.72

Eventbrite	32.01
Bristol Parent Carers	375
Donations	115.13
Total Income	3,891.6
Expenditure	
Rent of Hall	683.52
Zoom Yearly Cost	155.88
Supplies for Activity Group	2,509.02
Insurance	177.99
Printing	208.85
Costs	
Accounting Software	55.00
Costs	
Website upkeep and Domain	118.79
Staff Training Costs	162.19
Paid Activity Trips for families	375
Total Expenditure	4,446.24
Closing Bank Balance	3,470.47

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Approved by the trustees on 2.10.2024 and sign on their behalf by



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No further trustees, other than the founding trustees, have been appointed in the last year. However Katies Hales had to step down from the Board, we are currently recruiting to replace her.

Trustees Report

2022/23 was a year of growth for our charity and working with other organisations, however the impact of the Covid pandemic was still being felt deeply across the charitable sector.

We successfully worked with Bristol City Council and the HAF fund to provide free activities for children in need, with the restricted grant

funding being used. This helped ease the burden faced by 55 families in the holidays by providing free trips to these families who may not have possessed the financial support otherwise, including Packed lunches provided by us, funded by the HAF programme. We also used other HAF providers to provide additional free trips to the SS Great Britain and Bristol Aerospace, all of which were well received by the families. However, we did have to return the winter funding as we did not have the staff to complete the winter programme. We hope to be able to do this again once we have more volunteers.

We all partnered with the Children in Need and Family Fund to help families experiencing hardship receive grant funding for much-needed supplies such as Washing Machines, School clothes, and other domestic appliances and furniture. This was a lifeline for many of the families we assisted in receiving these grants, and we hope to partner with them again.

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Our carers group has also been helping families find the correct support for their children, in a safe non-judgemental environment. We have also offered advocacy to other families and assisted them in meetings with educational providers to secure the best outcomes for these children.

We also raised funding through a Prize Draw this year, with items donated by local businesses and other supporters in the area, who included

- Bristol City Football Club
- Bristol Bears
- Build-a-Bear
- Ruby Jeans
- Lucy Aston
- Graft Graffiti Workshop and Murals
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- Sport Go Karting

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Principle Funding Sources

The funding of Extraordinary Links CIO during this year was met by reserves, a restricted grant from Bristol BC for HAF, and funding was also received from received from Arnold Clarke and the Quartet fund. We also fundraised with a Prize draw, and through tickets to our Christmas Party.

Restricted and unrestricted and designated funds

We are reporting a surplus of £4065.11 for the period ending 24th February 2023.

This surplus is due to the following factors

- Funding received in this financial year.

The grant received from Bristol City Council was restricted to the funding for the HAF programme. The breakdown of what this was spent on is below, but the amount is included in the full accounts;

Total grant received?	£ 960.00
Expenditure	

Venue Costs	£ 48.00
Activity costs	£318.34
Food Costs	£ 125.16
external activities	£ 468.50

Future Financial Position

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Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure)

<i>Opening Bank Balance</i>	£6837.61
<i>24/02/21</i>	
Income	2,743.89
<i>HAF Restricted Funding</i>	960
<i>Arnold Clarke</i>	1000
<i>Amazon Smile</i>	5.93
<i>Quartet</i>	400
<i>Crowdfunder</i>	327.56
<i>Eventbrite</i>	50.40
Total Income	2,743.89
Expenditure	5,556.39
<i>Rent of Hall</i>	934.16
<i>Zoom Yearly Cost</i>	143.88
<i>Supplies for Activity Group</i>	2877.37
<i>Insurance</i>	172.65
<i>Printing Costs</i>	158.62
<i>Stationary Costs</i>	30.84
<i>Accounting Software Costs</i>	56.68
<i>Website upkeep and Domain</i>	118.79
<i>Staff Training Costs</i>	263.40
<i>Paid Activity Trips for families</i>	800
Total Expenditure	5,556.39
Closing Bank Balance	4025.11

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Approved by the trustees on 10 February 2024 and sign on their behalf by

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2021 was a further challenging year for our charity, with the impact of the Covid pandemic being felt deeply across the charitable sector. The trustees took the challenge continued with our online delivery of our services until September 2021.

Although our online activity group for Disabled and SEN children was successful and funded by a grant through Youth UK. It did not fully replace the social environment we hoped to provide to these families, but the consensus from families who attended the sessions was positive. We also provide online assistance to families by signposting to relevant organisations that could assist families with a variety of needs, such as funding for equipment enquiries and help for those experiencing educational issues relating to their children and their needs. We were gifted free tickets to Bristol Zoological Park, which our families enjoyed immensely and allowed to introduce our charity to more people.

From September 2021 we recommenced our in-person activity group, funded through grants made by Youth UK and the National Lottery Community Fund. This has been well received, with different planned activities taking place each week for families of disabled and SEN children. This group has also provided information from the trustees to parents looking for information on a variety of topics, such as how to apply for Disability Living Allowance or where to find support for educational issues.

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Principle Funding Sources

The funding of Extraordinary Links CIO during this year was met by grants received by Youth UK, we have made no investments.

Restricted and unrestricted and designated funds

We are reporting a surplus of £6837.61 for the period ending 24th February 2021.

This surplus is due to the following factors

- Funding received in this financial year, however the associated costs will be incurred in the years 2021/22 and 2022/23
- There has been reduced costs of delivering our services due to the Covid pandemic.
- Restricted grants received for Covid-19 recovery work by Youth UK.

Future Financial Position

As many charities are currently finding, it is difficult to predict the financial position of Extraordinary Links CIO. However, the current forecast is good, with financial viability expected for the next 3 years.

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Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure)

<i>Opening Bank Balance</i>	£9911.
<i>24/02/21</i>	58
<i>Income</i>	£
<i>UK Covid Relief Fund</i>	500
<i>Total Income</i>	500
<i>Expenditure</i>	£

<i>Rent of Hall</i>	437.59
<i>Zoom Yearly Cost</i>	143.88
<i>Website Branding</i>	125
<i>Supplies for Activity Group</i>	2477.87
<i>Insurance</i>	162.08
<i>Printing Costs</i>	190.73
<i>Postage Costs</i>	9.76
<i>Accounting Software Costs</i>	27.06
Total Expenditure	3573.97
Closing Bank Balance	6837.61

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Approved by the trustees on 15 October 2022 and sign on their behalf by



Gillian Crea (Chair)

EXTRAORDINARY LINKS CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1190383

Accounts



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Extraordinary Links CIO

Reference and Administration Details

For the year ending 30 Jan 2021

Charity Number 1190383

Registered Office 13 Fairford Road
Bristol
BS11 9QZ

Status Extraordinary Links CIO is known locally as
Extraordinary Links

Trustees Trustees who served during this year and
up to the date of the Report.

July 2020)	Gillian Crea	Chair (appointed 13
2020)	Sandra Thomas	(appointed 13 July
2020)	Katie Hales	(appointed 13 July
	Emma Fitzgerald	(appointed 13 July 2020)

Chief Executive Officer The trustees delegate the day-to-day
running of
(Chair of Trustees) Extraordinary Links CIO to Gillian Crea

Bankers Lloyds Bank plc
25 Gresham Street
London
EC2V 7HN

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ending 24 February 2021. References and administrative statements are set out on page 1, form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documents

Extraordinary Links CIO is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is governed by the Charity Act 2011. We are known locally as Extraordinary Links and have full autonomy over our policies, governances and procedures.

Risk Review

Our board of trustees meets regularly to discuss and evaluate the major risks to our organisation. As we are as a small charity we have implemented internal control procedures to ensure risks are minimised effectively.

Organisational Structure

The CEO is responsible for the day to day management of Extraordinary Links CIO, and reports directly to the board of trustees to ensure there are no conflicts of interest present.

The board of trustees consists of four trustees who are legally responsible for the organisation and governance of Extraordinary Links CIO.

Appointments of Trustees

New trustees can be appointed by the current board of trustees at a properly convened meeting, ensuring the trustee has the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

No further trustees, other than the founding trustees, have been appointed in the last year.

Trustees Report

2020 was a challenging year to establish a charity, with the impact of the Covid pandemic being felt deeply across the charitable sector. As our charity was primarily set up as a face-to-face enterprise, offering activities and guidance to families, we have had to rethink how we provided our services and support to our service users. The trustees took the challenge and rethought the service delivery and took our services online to help those who needed it.

We provided an online activity group for Disabled and SEN children, providing the materials needed in a covid secure way, and delivering the activities via Zoom. It was funded by a grant through Youth UK. This was successful, however did not fully replace the social environment we hoped to provide to these families, the consensus from families who attended the sessions were positive. Due to the funding received by Youth UK, and the impact of the pandemic, we also updated our website to ensure our services would continue.

We also provide online assistance to families by signposting to relevant organisations who could assist families with a variety of needs, such as funding for equipment enquiries and help for those experiencing educational issues relating to their children and their needs. From September 2021 we recommenced our in person activity group, funded through grants made by Youth UK and the National Lottery Community Fund. This has been well received, with different planned activities taking place each week for families of disabled and SEN children. This group has also provided information from the trustees to parents looking for information on a variety of topics, such as how to apply for Disability Living Allowance or where to find support for educational issues.

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The National Lottery Community Fund
Youth UK
The Ford Trust
Moto in the Community
Crowdfunder
Bristol Parent Carers
Donations received at Activity Group

We have made no investments.

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Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure)

Opening Bank Balance **£0**
24/02/20

Income	£
<i>Cash Donations</i>	46
<i>Moto in the Community</i>	200

<i>Crowdfunder.org</i>	280
<i>Ford Trust</i>	236
<i>UK Youth</i>	1400
<i>National Lottery Community Fund</i>	8400
Total Income	10,562
Expenditure	£
<i>Rent of Hall</i>	40
<i>Website hosting and Domain Costs</i>	102
<i>Zoom Yearly Cost</i>	115.10
<i>Postage Costs</i>	9
<i>Supplies for Activity Group</i>	390.64
Total Expenditure	657
Closing Bank Balance	£9,905

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Gillian Crea (Chair)