



EXTRAORDINARY LINKS
FOR DISABLED CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

Charity No: 1190383

Extraordinary Links CIO Report and Accounts (February 2022)



Extraordinary Links CIO

Reference and Administration Details

For the year ending 24 Feb 2022

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.

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

Chief Executive

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

Bankers Lloyds Bank plc
25 Gresham Street
London
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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ending 24 February 2022. 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

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.

Pay and Remuneration

Extraordinary Links CIO is run completely by volunteers, receiving no pay or remuneration for any services.

Vision, Mission and Objectives

The long term aim of the organisation is to ensure that disabled children, and children with SEN and their families receive the support they need to thrive in society. We currently provide our services to 20 families in the Shirehampton area of Bristol. We want to reach out to more families who are not currently receiving our services, so ensuring our growth and sustainability as a CIO is of paramount importance to us, so we are constantly seeking funding opportunities and different avenues to advertise our free services.

Charitable Objectives

Extraordinary Links objects are set out in our constitution,

'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'

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.

Our trustees regularly review at 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.

Statement of Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the principles and methods in SORP
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate that a charity will continue in its operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the provision of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute and amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interests in the charity.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies and to the small companies regime.

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



Gillian Crea (Chair)