

ANNUAL REPORT | 2023 - 2024



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1. OBJECTIVES | ACTIVITIES | VALUES

- 🍌 The EPIC Charity- Bristol, was established in 5th March 2021, and is informally known as 'EPIC'.
- 🍌 EPIC is a small grant-giving charity supporting care-experienced children and young people.
- 🍌 Our grant-making policy and funding criteria can be found on our website, in brief, the charity provides grants of up to £500 to children or young people who have grown up in the care of Bristol City Council Local Authority. On occasion EPIC may provide larger grants to organisations or groups working specifically with Bristol's care-experienced young people.
- 🍌 EPIC's values centre around promoting access to activities and opportunities, as well as inspiring memories.

2. CARE EXPERIENCE | THE CONTEXT

- 🍌 Internationally, nationally, and locally in Bristol, the number of children in care increases year-on-year.
- 🍌 This also means young people aging out of the care system, around age 18 and known as care leavers, is a growing population.
- 🍌 It is understood that that care-experienced young people experience disproportionately worse outcomes in adulthood than general populations, for example financially, risk of homelessness, risk of involvement in criminality, and poorer physical and mental health.

3. IMPACT ASSESSMENT | MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- 🍌 In 2023-24 we approved and processed 20 grants including an educational trip, holidays, days out, bikes and sports equipment.
- 🍌 As the grants are experience-based rather than goal-based the success of the grant-making programme is determined largely on feedback received from beneficiaries.

Feedback from young people and their social workers:

“The kids had a really nice time. It was nice to get away”

“E absolutely loved her trip to Longleat!”

“C was desperate to learn piano - on my last visit to see her she played us a song - it was lovely!”

“J really enjoyed his young driver lessons. He wants to be in the police and thought learning to drive early would be great. He has a massive smile on his face when he told me about it. It was lovely to be able to fund something to enrich his life.”

“It was great for R to be able to get surfing lessons before she moved down to the coast. She’s had a tricky year at school so it was good to be able to provide something extra for her.”

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW | ACCOUNTS

- During the previous financial year EPIC received a significant start-up grant which allowed us to begin issuing grants to care-experienced children and young people.
- We are now dependent mainly on 'payroll giving' and one-off grants.
- A challenge in the current financial year has been generating sustained funding which will allow us to continue to give grants once the start-up fund is used up.

Cashflow summary table:

	2023-24
Total Income	£1612
Total expenditure	£9372
Reserves at year end	£22,584
Cash funds at year end	£14,825

- The board have agreed a Reserves Policy is not yet necessary but will require further consideration upon more consistent funding.

Grant making windows

- During 2023-24 EPIC ran two grant cycles giving out a total of 20 grants to 20 individual young people.

5. STRUCTURE | GOVERNANCE | TRUSTEES' RESPONSABILITIES

- Over 2023 – 2024, the EPIC board of Trustees was made up of seven Trustees. There were no starters or leavers during this period. The board meets six times per year.
- EPIC established a Finance Committee made up of four Trustees who meet after every application window to make decisions regarding funding applications based on the relevant criteria. The Funding Policy is on our website.
- Trustees are generally sought based on experience and by word of mouth, as well as advertising on volunteer forums. The Trustees regularly review the make-up of the board to ensure it is representative. New Trustees have an introductory discussion and are invited to observe a meeting. Formal training is planned for 23/24 financial year.
- The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with charity law and accounting standards. In preparing these reports the trustees are required to:
 - o Apply policies appropriately and consistently
 - o Comply with the Charity Commission requirements
 - o Confirm appropriate accounting standards have been followed

- o Complete them on a going concern basis

- 🍌 The Trustees are responsible for keeping financial records that will accurately disclose the financial position of the charity, as well as safeguarding the assets of the charity – and detecting and preventing fraud.

6. EPIC PRIORITIES | LOOKING AHEAD

- 🍌 Raising EPIC's profile via a new website
- 🍌 Establish a greater social media presence
- 🍌 Awareness-raising
- 🍌 Recruit a Patron
- 🍌 Embed more dynamic fundraising efforts
- 🍌 Further develop our Trustee board





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Epic Charity Bristol

No (if any)
1193713

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
4/6/2023

To

Period end date
4/5/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies and grants	1,612	-	-	1,612	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,612	-	-	1,612	31,473
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,612	-	-	1,612	31,473
A3 Payments					
Rent/ Hire of rooms	30	-	-	30	-
Cost of fundraising events	69	-	-	69	-
Grants and donations paid	9,273	-	-	9,273	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,372	-	-	9,372	10,237
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,372	-	-	9,372	10,237
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,759	-	-	7,759	21,236
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,584	-	-	22,584	1,348
Cash funds this year end	14,825	-	-	14,825	22,584

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		14,825	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,825	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Liz Small	17th Jan 2025	
	#VALUE!	Mike Starr	20th Jan 2025	
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