

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1195152**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024  
FOR  
BLUE CABIN CIO**

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**BLUE CABIN CIO**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**BLUE CABIN CIO**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

Blue Cabin CIO exists to relieve the needs of care-experienced children and young people anywhere in the UK by influencing policy, carrying out research and providing access to creative experiences, to help them to gain skills, increase in confidence, build stronger relationships and improve their lives for the public benefit.

**Significant activities**

Within the last 12 months we have worked with care-experienced children and young people and adults aged from 6 weeks to 27 years old. We have worked closely with 4 local authorities, and charities to deliver projects that benefit their care-experienced children and young people. Our financial position remains strong and we now have 2 full time and 5 part time staff members.

In the past 12 months we have had 434 engagements of babies, children and young people aged 0-13, who took part in 170 hours of activities. We have had 133 engagements of care leavers aged 17-25, who took part in 77 hours of activities and 342 engagements of 'family members' (including kinship carers, foster carers, birth family members) taking part alongside babies, children and young people in 154 hours of activities. There were also 435 engagements of LA staff attending to co-facilitate / support activities in 213 hours of support.



## **BLUE CABIN CIO**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **Our Creative Programmes and Interventions for the year included:**

##### **Experts By Experience**

This year we've spent time exploring the best way to strengthen the inclusion of care-experienced voices and experiences in our design and planning. The Experts by Experience project team included care-experienced professionals and we are very aware of the need to ensure all voices are heard and given equal value. Over the next year, we will pilot ways of consulting experts by experience - people with lived experience of receiving a service, such as children's social care - on specific, time limited projects. We will review and respond to learning throughout.

##### **All About Me Creative Experiences**

Across 2023/24 we facilitated a combination of face to face and online All About Me Creative Experiences for care experienced children and young people and their trusted adults, in partnership with Gateshead Council and funded by the Integrated Care Board. Each child and their adult take part in over 14 hours of creative therapeutic activities in a group setting, facilitated by Associate Artists and Pastoral Support Workers.

##### **Arts Award**

Through Arts Award we supported care-experienced children and young people to achieve a national qualification whilst developing their confidence and skills in creativity, communication and leadership. We've recently launched a range of packages for virtual schools, helping them give their pupils the opportunity to achieve Arts Award accreditation.

##### **Creative Aid**

In December 2022, Blue Cabin and Nepacs were awarded funding by the National Lottery Community Fund to deliver a three- year creative arts programme with care-experienced young men serving sentences at Deerbolt Prison in County Durham. Year one of Creative Aid is now complete and 10 lads (the term we use to describe Creative Aid participants, preferred by the lads themselves) have explored artforms including poetry, scriptwriting, typography, graphic design and portraits with visiting artists.

##### **Creative Life Story Work**

There have been 11,000 visitors to our Creative Life Story Work website since we launched it in November 2022, with the aim of helping people deliver better life story work for children and young people. Over 50 hours of training was provided across 17 'live classrooms' which resulted in 331 engagements from professionals (largely social workers in training, local authority staff, and freelancers) working with care experienced people.

##### **Darlington Cool Things**

We've continued our partnership with Darlington Virtual School and, in 2023/24, 47 children and 20 of their supporting adults have taken part in creative experiences. Family events held at venues including Theatre Hullabaloo and Raby Castle have included a show, such as Thumbelina or Fireside Stories with Santa, followed by creative activities led by our Associate Artists. Four young people achieved their Arts Award Explore after learning how to make animated short films during a summer school with Associate Artist, Laura Degan.

##### **This is The Place**

This is the Place, is our programme of music-making for children and young people aged 0 to 5, alongside their foster carers. We delivered more than 65 hours of regular music sessions for babies aged 0 to five (207 engagements) and their carers (179 engagements), alongside training for foster carers and council staff, to allow music-making to continue at home. We also worked with musicians, Carol Bowden and Katie Doherty, to develop a bank of free, early years music resources which is available on our website.

##### **Working to become a Trauma Informed Organisation**

An awareness of trauma underpins all our work. And now, Blue Cabin is on the path to achieving the Working with Trauma Quality Mark. This is a set of best practice standards in trauma-informed working which will help us embed trauma-aware practices throughout the organisation.

##### **Environmental Working Group**

Blue Cabin joined forces with other VCSE organisations in the North East through Becoming Green Together. We've formed an environmental working group, attended training on managing waste, travel plans and continual improvement, and will put a new Sustainability Policy and Action Plan into place in 2024.



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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

Unrestricted funds are to be allocated as follows:

<b>Detail</b>	<b>£</b>
2023/2024 reserves	36,723
Leathersellers	20,000
Segelman Trust	35,000
Staff operating costs	7,624
Non-staff operating costs	17,629
VAT	874
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Total	<u>117,850</u>

**Reserves policy**

Trustees have agreed that our target for free reserves is 3 months of operating costs. The trustees have set a target of £36,000 of free reserves which has been met by the organisation.

The trustees are satisfied with the financial performance of the charity in the period and its position at the period end.

**Funding**

The trustees are incredibly grateful to the following core funders who have supported Blue Cabin this year:

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation  
Garfield Weston  
Segelman Trust  
Sir James Knott Trust  
The Leathersellers Foundation  
Tyne and Wear Community Foundation

And we're equally grateful to our project funders who have supported our various programmes of work:

The National Lottery Community Fund  
Arts Council England  
Tyne and Wear Community Foundation  
County Durham Community Foundation  
Creative Darlington  
The Arts Society Tyneside  
Darlington Borough Council  
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council  
South Tyneside Council  
Gateshead Integrated Care Board  
Youth Music

## **BLUE CABIN CIO**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Looking ahead, we are excited about the future and the new initiatives on the horizon. Our commitment to becoming an accredited Trauma Informed Organisation and our participation in the Becoming Green Together initiative reflect our strong belief and dedication to continuous improvement and sustainability. The upcoming pilot projects, expansion of our volunteer programme, and new partnerships with local authorities are just a few examples of how we plan to broaden our impact and reach even more care-experienced individuals. With the continued support of our funders, partners, and the young people we work alongside, we are confident that Blue Cabin will continue to thrive and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we support. Areas of work will include:

#### **Future-proofing Creative Life Story Work**

In 2024/25 we'll boost the sustainability of our Creative Life Story Work programme. Through grant funding from Tyne and Wear Community Foundation, we have the support of a business consultant who will help us develop a business plan to include a staffing model and income generation targets.

#### **Recruiting New Volunteers**

Following the success and learning gained through supporting our first volunteer, we plan on recruiting for two volunteer roles to support our This is The Place programme as it expands into Redcar & Cleveland.

#### **North East of England Local Authority Partners**

We aim to help even more care-experienced children and young people benefit from stronger relationships with the people in their lives, by developing relationships with new local authority partners. Building on the success of our existing partnerships, we plan to establish links with virtual schools, fostering and workforce development teams.

#### **New Projects Starting**

New partnership projects with Adoption Tees Valley, Gateshead Virtual School and Newcastle Virtual School are underway.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **Organisational structure**

Blue Cabin began in 2016 and in July 2021 successfully converted to a Charity Incorporated Organisation. We operate under the Charity Commission's model constitution.

Currently, there are 7 trustees, including a Chair of the Board and two Vice-Chairs. We are constituted to meet a minimum of 4 times per year, and in practice, we have an additional 2 away-days per annum.

The Board already operates a model which includes subgroups and task and finish groups. Currently, we have Safeguarding, Finance, Experts by Experience, and Environmental working groups. These adapt with the company's needs; however, the Investment Principles subcommittee will remain in place to support monitoring the organisation's progress against stated targets, as will the Safeguarding working group.

Subcommittees meet in advance of the quarterly Board Meetings, and Board representatives in the subgroups feedback to the Chair and the main Board.

Dealing with conflicts of interest is built into our governing document and each new trustee is supported through an induction process to ensure responsibilities in this area are understood. Trustees must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect in a proposed transaction or arrangement with Blue Cabin and they must absent themselves from any discussion or vote pertaining to that matter. Conflicts of Interest are minuted.

## **BLUE CABIN CIO**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Risk management**

Blue Cabin maintains an Organisational Risk Register, this is:

- A standing item agenda on the quarterly board meetings
- Discussed on a monthly basis in the Managing Director's 1:1 with the Chair of the Board

Currently the highest rated risk is Local Authority match Income. Local Authority match funding is always present on our risk register and reviewed regularly. We continually mitigate against the potential loss of this funding through:

- Having multiple partnerships across several Local Authorities
- Continuing to be strong partners that have excellent relationships with Local Authority staff
- Continuing to evidence the benefits of our work and how they align with Local Authority priorities.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1195152

##### **Principal address**

13 Brighton Gardens  
Gateshead  
Tyne and Wear  
NE8 4SN

##### **Trustees**

C Hearne - Vice Chair  
A D Kent - Chair  
S Kilic  
R Humphrey  
M Dibble - Vice Chair  
E K Mooney Mitchell  
W Price (appointed 10/7/2023)

##### **Independent Examiner**

David Holloway BA(HONS) FCA DChA  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



A D Kent - Chair - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
BLUE CABIN CIO**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blue Cabin CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blue Cabin CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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10 September 2024

**BLUE CABIN CIO**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	166,000	-	166,000	68,760
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Support for young people		62,218	252,629	314,847	239,159
<b>Total</b>		<u>228,218</u>	<u>252,629</u>	<u>480,847</u>	<u>307,919</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Support for young people		<u>153,663</u>	<u>244,840</u>	<u>398,503</u>	<u>330,440</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		74,555	7,789	82,344	(22,521)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	13	<u>(28,800)</u>	<u>28,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		45,755	36,589	82,344	(22,521)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		72,095	129,079	201,174	223,695
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>117,850</u></u>	<u><u>165,668</u></u>	<u><u>283,518</u></u>	<u><u>201,174</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BLUE CABIN CIO**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	385	-	385	1,136
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	4,204	10,900	15,104	22,644
Cash at bank		123,490	154,768	278,258	184,226
		<u>127,694</u>	<u>165,668</u>	<u>293,362</u>	<u>206,870</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(10,229)	-	(10,229)	(6,832)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>117,465</u>	<u>165,668</u>	<u>283,133</u>	<u>200,038</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>117,850</u>	<u>165,668</u>	<u>283,518</u>	<u>201,174</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>117,850</u>	<u>165,668</u>	<u>283,518</u>	<u>201,174</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds				117,850	72,095
Restricted funds				165,668	129,079
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>283,518</u>	<u>201,174</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A D Kent - Chair - Trustee



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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	94,032	8,910
Net cash provided by operating activities		94,032	8,910
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(694)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		-	(694)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		94,032	8,216
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		184,226	176,010
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		278,258	184,226

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	82,344	(22,521)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	751	667
Decrease in debtors	7,540	28,732
Increase in creditors	3,397	2,032
	<u>94,032</u>	<u>8,910</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u><u>94,032</u></u>	<u><u>8,910</u></u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23	Cash flow	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	184,226	94,032	278,258
	<u>184,226</u>	<u>94,032</u>	<u>278,258</u>
Total	<u><u>184,226</u></u>	<u><u>94,032</u></u>	<u><u>278,258</u></u>

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## BLUE CABIN CIO

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Grants**

Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income in the period to which they relate.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting with the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- straight line over 3 years
Computer equipment	- straight line over 3 years

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.



## BLUE CABIN CIO

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

##### **Financial instruments**

The company has elected to apply the provisions of section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Classification of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, other loans, and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants	166,000	68,760

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	31,000	54,100
The Segelman Trust	70,000	2,000
Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland	13,000	10,000
The National Foundation	2,000	-
Creative Fuse	-	2,660
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000	-
The Leathersellers	20,000	-
Sir James Knott Trust	10,000	-
	<u>166,000</u>	<u>68,760</u>

### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2024	2023
		£	£
Grants	Support for young people	231,559	122,652
Consultancy and training	Support for young people	81,515	115,590
Shop income	Support for young people	1,773	917
		<u>314,847</u>	<u>239,159</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	30,000	32,500
Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland	-	8,642
The Arts Society	-	2,998
The National Foundation	61,500	15,000
County Durham Community Foundation	6,000	19,500
The National Lottery	88,559	44,012
Arts Council England	45,500	-
	<u>231,559</u>	<u>122,652</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 5) £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Support for young people	328,414	14,000	56,089	398,503

**5. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2024 £	2023 £
Support for young people	14,000	-

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Care to Dance CIC	3,500	-
Ambassador Theatre Group	3,500	-
Norfolk County Council	3,500	-
Not Pants CIC	3,500	-
	14,000	-

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Support for young people	53,952	87	2,050	56,089

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	107,563	98,990
Social security costs	3,815	3,623
Other pension costs	2,164	1,903
	113,542	104,516

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Staff	6	4



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**8. STAFF COSTS - continued**

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	68,760	-	68,760
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Support for young people	22,655	216,504	239,159
<b>Total</b>	<u>91,415</u>	<u>216,504</u>	<u>307,919</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Support for young people	160,811	169,629	330,440
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(69,396)	46,875	(22,521)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	141,491	82,204	223,695
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>72,095</u>	<u>129,079</u>	<u>201,174</u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	559	1,695	2,254
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	352	766	1,118
Charge for year	186	565	751
At 31 March 2024	538	1,331	1,869
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	21	364	385
At 31 March 2023	207	929	1,136

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	11,020	17,840
Other debtors	2,164	3,875
VAT	874	-
Prepayments	1,046	929
	<u>15,104</u>	<u>22,644</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,704	244
Taxation and social security	-	3,624
Other creditors	3,525	2,964
	<u>10,229</u>	<u>6,832</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	62,390	65,933	(91,600)	36,723
Arts Award	2,444	5,856	(8,300)	-
Trauma-informed, Self-care, Therapeutic supervision	1,600	(1,600)	-	-
Staff operating costs	625	899	16,100	17,624
Non-staff operating costs	3,600	4,029	-	7,629
VAT	1,436	(562)	-	874
Leathersellers	-	-	20,000	20,000
Segelman Trust	-	-	35,000	35,000
	<u>72,095</u>	<u>74,555</u>	<u>(28,800)</u>	<u>117,850</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Cool Things Darlington	13,000	7,000	-	20,000
Training and Consultancy	6,700	(6,700)	-	-
Creative Life Story Work	53,435	(39,885)	5,000	18,550
Artist Support	-	1,098	-	1,098
Early Years Darlington	27,219	32,501	-	59,720
Prisons	28,725	13,775	-	42,500
Newcastle Cool Things	-	-	12,000	12,000
Arts Award	-	-	8,300	8,300
Sing our story	-	-	3,500	3,500
	<u>129,079</u>	<u>7,789</u>	<u>28,800</u>	<u>165,668</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>201,174</u>	<u>82,344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,518</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	177,165	(111,232)	65,933
Arts Award	45,500	(39,644)	5,856
Trauma-informed, Self-care, Therapeutic supervision	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Staff operating costs	1,524	(625)	899
Non-staff operating costs	4,029	-	4,029
VAT	-	(562)	(562)
	<u>228,218</u>	<u>(153,663)</u>	<u>74,555</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cool Things Darlington	30,000	(23,000)	7,000
Training and Consultancy	3,200	(9,900)	(6,700)
Creative Life Story Work	54,570	(94,455)	(39,885)
Artist Support	2,500	(1,402)	1,098
Early Years Darlington	75,299	(42,798)	32,501
Prisons	87,060	(73,285)	13,775
	<u>252,629</u>	<u>(244,840)</u>	<u>7,789</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>480,847</u>	<u>(398,503)</u>	<u>82,344</u>



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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	13,000	55,051	(5,661)	62,390
Arts Award	7,000	(4,556)	-	2,444
Health and safety audit and training	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Safeguarding training and development	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
Project activity	50,000	(50,000)	-	-
Staff and freelance team training	6,000	(6,000)	-	-
Trauma-informed, Self-care, Therapeutic supervision	37,000	(35,400)	-	1,600
Solicitor fees for contract development	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Creative Life Story Work website development	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Travel	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Business costs	5,991	(5,991)	-	-
Staff operating costs	-	-	625	625
Non-staff operating costs	-	-	3,600	3,600
VAT	-	-	1,436	1,436
	141,491	(69,396)	-	72,095
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Cool Things Darlington	20,000	(7,000)	-	13,000
Training and Consultancy	600	6,100	-	6,700
Redcar and Cleveland	6,604	(6,604)	-	-
Creative Life Story Work	55,000	(1,565)	-	53,435
Early Years Darlington	-	27,219	-	27,219
Prisons	-	28,725	-	28,725
	82,204	46,875	-	129,079
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	223,695	(22,521)	-	201,174

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	70,617	(15,566)	55,051
Arts Award	20,798	(25,354)	(4,556)
Health and safety audit and training	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Safeguarding training and development	-	(7,500)	(7,500)
Project activity	-	(50,000)	(50,000)
Staff and freelance team training	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
Trauma-informed, Self-care, Therapeutic supervision	-	(35,400)	(35,400)
Solicitor fees for contract development	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Creative Life Story Work website development	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Travel	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Business costs	-	(5,991)	(5,991)
	<u>91,415</u>	<u>(160,811)</u>	<u>(69,396)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cool Things Darlington	16,000	(23,000)	(7,000)
Training and Consultancy	6,700	(600)	6,100
Redcar and Cleveland	15,800	(22,404)	(6,604)
Creative Life Story Work	96,792	(98,357)	(1,565)
Early Years Darlington	37,200	(9,981)	27,219
Prisons	44,012	(15,287)	28,725
	<u>216,504</u>	<u>(169,629)</u>	<u>46,875</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>307,919</u></u>	<u><u>(330,440)</u></u>	<u><u>(22,521)</u></u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	13,000	120,984	(97,261)	36,723
Arts Award	7,000	1,300	(8,300)	-
Health and safety audit and training	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Safeguarding training and development	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
Project activity	50,000	(50,000)	-	-
Staff and freelance team training	6,000	(6,000)	-	-
Trauma-informed, Self-care, Therapeutic supervision	37,000	(37,000)	-	-
Solicitor fees for contract development	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Creative Life Story Work website development	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Travel	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Business costs	5,991	(5,991)	-	-
Staff operating costs	-	899	16,725	17,624
Non-staff operating costs	-	4,029	3,600	7,629
VAT	-	(562)	1,436	874
Leathersellers	-	-	20,000	20,000
Segelman Trust	-	-	35,000	35,000
	141,491	5,159	(28,800)	117,850
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Cool Things Darlington	20,000	-	-	20,000
Training and Consultancy	600	(600)	-	-
Redcar and Cleveland	6,604	(6,604)	-	-
Creative Life Story Work	55,000	(41,450)	5,000	18,550
Artist Support	-	1,098	-	1,098
Early Years Darlington	-	59,720	-	59,720
Prisons	-	42,500	-	42,500
Newcastle Cool Things	-	-	12,000	12,000
Arts Award	-	-	8,300	8,300
Sing our story	-	-	3,500	3,500
	82,204	54,664	28,800	165,668
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	223,695	59,823	-	283,518



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	247,782	(126,798)	120,984
Arts Award	66,298	(64,998)	1,300
Health and safety audit and training	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Safeguarding training and development	-	(7,500)	(7,500)
Project activity	-	(50,000)	(50,000)
Staff and freelance team training	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
Trauma-informed, Self-care, Therapeutic supervision	-	(37,000)	(37,000)
Solicitor fees for contract development	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Creative Life Story Work website development	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Travel	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Business costs	-	(5,991)	(5,991)
Staff operating costs	1,524	(625)	899
Non-staff operating costs	4,029	-	4,029
VAT	-	(562)	(562)
	<u>319,633</u>	<u>(314,474)</u>	<u>5,159</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Cool Things Darlington	46,000	(46,000)	-
Training and Consultancy	9,900	(10,500)	(600)
Redcar and Cleveland	15,800	(22,404)	(6,604)
Creative Life Story Work	151,362	(192,812)	(41,450)
Artist Support	2,500	(1,402)	1,098
Early Years Darlington	112,499	(52,779)	59,720
Prisons	131,072	(88,572)	42,500
	<u>469,133</u>	<u>(414,469)</u>	<u>54,664</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>788,766</u></u>	<u><u>(728,943)</u></u>	<u><u>59,823</u></u>

### Transfers between funds

During the year the trustees decided to allocate £28,800 of unrestricted funds to four restricted funds by way of a transfer. Being £5,000 distributed to Creative Life Story Work, £12,000 distributed to Newcastle Cool Things, £8,300 to Arts Award and £3,500 to Sing our Story.

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**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.