

Company Number: 09166041
Registered Charity Number: 1200063

Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd

Annual report and unaudited financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Legal and administrative information
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Trustees

Dr Reem Doukmak	Co-chair
Trevor MacFarlane	Co-chair
Rev Inderjit Bhogal	
Esther Richardson	
Donna Ridland	
Hamda Shahzad	
Laura Winson	
Jabu Wood	

Company Secretary

John James Tomlinson

Key management

John James Tomlinson

Registered Charity Number

1200063

Registered Company Number

09166041

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Accountants

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Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd
Co Chairs' Statement
For the year ended 31 March 2024

This is our second report as co-chairs of Trustees at Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd and we are delighted to be able to report on the continued development of the organisation.

Earlier this year, we were delighted to welcome and appoint three new Trustees with expertise in priority areas for the board, including: fundraising, human resources and finance. These appointments have enabled us to establish a series of new company-wide policies to bolster our staff handbook and set up focused sub-committee groups that have improved our governance and decision making processes at board level, as well as provided our Executive team with the support they need as their ambitions for programming and operations have extended.

The programmes that the staff team at Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd design, deliver and evaluate with and for people seeking sanctuary here in the UK continues to offer a unique and important community service that the Board of Trustees are extremely proud to be able to support.

The financial position of the organisation is healthy following determined fundraising from the executive team despite a challenging landscape, and the management team continues to monitor and evaluate the organisation's programmes and activities to ensure they are delivering against our organisational and charitable objectives and report findings to the Board quarterly for wider discussion. For example, the staff team monitors the impact that the artistic programme is having on participants by collecting the numbers of attendees, regularity of attendance and quotes, imagery and artistic responses to their engagement in the work.

Staff undertake an ongoing evaluation process with all participants to ensure their voice, interests and ideas continuously shape our programmes, productions and wider offer. Weekly and quarterly reports are completed for every programme with identified participants supported to lead feedback sessions amongst their peers. Findings from these monitoring processes inform the iterative strategic direction of the organisation which is reviewed quarterly by Trustees.

Our core team of four employees and multiple freelance artists have worked tirelessly to ensure that our programmes of work are engaging as many people as possible with relevant, engaging and quality art being produced. The programmes continue to foster intercultural dialogue, community cohesion and pride in place for both participants and the wider communities the company's work reaches.

We were able to employ four members of staff and tens of freelancers in our second full year as a registered charity. We continue to work closely with the joint CEOs to ensure our organisational and charitable objectives are being delivered through day to day operations.

We have now encouraged the staff team to build up capacity to ensure our team can be supported to deliver against key project milestones and look after the individual wellbeing of all staff and participants. Funding for the arts in the UK continues to be a critical challenge across the whole sector, so we will remain focused on the changing needs of key stakeholders and partners as the coming year develops.

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Co Chairs' Statement (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2024

The artistic programme and presentation of productions continues to be joyfully and urgently received by participants and audiences alike. The quality, regularity and innovation of our offer continues to drive the commitment that Trustees, our staff and stakeholders feel for the work we are producing together.

Whilst engaging with our artistic programmes, participants working with us experience a number of important benefits that they would not ordinarily encounter. We help people seeking sanctuary here in the UK to connect with critical local service providers, as well as connecting them up with the wider cultural landscape, opportunities and jobs in the cities and towns we work in.



Dr Reem Doukmak
Co Chair
Date: 06 Nov 2024



Mr Trevor MacFarlane FRSA
Co Chair
Date: 06 Nov 2024

Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd
Trustees' annual report
For the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the 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) issued in October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company, company number 09166041, charity number, 1200063, was established under a Memorandum of Association that established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association, registered as a company on 7 August 2014, amended on 11 August 2022. The company was registered as a charity on 15 August 2022.

The organisation's finances and policies are administered by the trustees and implemented by the staff.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of no less than 3 people. Decisions by the trustees are made by consensus.

In the event of the company being wound up its members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Objectives and aims

The primary objective of Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd is to support people seeking sanctuary (refugees, asylum seekers and migrants) in the UK through the provision of high quality and culturally sensitive arts and social activities.

The charitable objectives are:

The advancement of the arts, culture and heritage for public benefit through the provision of:

- The production, promotion and presentation of public performances of drama, music comedy, film, digital media and other art forms;
- The public presentation, broadcast, or distribution of artistic and cultural exhibitions, programme and publications;
- Public classes, workshop, lectures and other educational training events;

particularly but not exclusively where such work is partly or wholly created by, with, about, or otherwise for the benefit of persons with lived experience of migration from the countries of their origin or domicile by reason of war, hostility, persecution, oppression, discrimination, climate change, natural disasters or similar causes, and their families and dependents; or where such work raises public awareness of the issues affecting people with lived experience of migration, both generally and in relation to their social exclusion.

As an organisation, we operate with adherence to a set of core values:

Welcome – we create spaces of safety and support for participants, audiences and staff

Empower – we encourage people to take up the platform we are able to provide them with

Create – we create high quality works of art for public enjoyment

Action – we lead conversations and networks to foster a better understanding of people seeking sanctuary

Now – we are agile and responsive to the world we live in

Objectives and aims (continued)

Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd seeks to achieve its objectives through ongoing relationship building with a wide variety of organisations working across our key areas of focus and beyond. In particular, we offer a multi-disciplinary and participatory arts experience across specific areas of the UK, with expert creative practitioners for our participants to work alongside.

Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Summary of main achievements during the period

Our programmes and productions have continued to go from strength to strength. Our Youth Theatre of Sanctuary, the first and only of its kind in the UK - regularly has over 40 participants per week. Bringing together families from Sudan, Iran, Kurdistan, Ukraine and Syria. This long term creative empowerment programme develops creative skills and confidence in children aged 3-15. In the last year we have delivered 42 weekly workshops, 5 school holiday clubs and co-created a short film, music video and original music track and 2 live performances.

Our co-created production of Secret Summer was shortlisted for the Audience Impact & Innovation Award in the national [Fantastic for Families Awards](#) 2023 and the Youth Theatre of Sanctuary was shortlisted for a Youth Voice awards with Sheffield City Council.

Soap Box & Young People Together

Our long term creative empowerment programmes for adults connect communities from Iran, Syria, Sudan, Rohingya, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Namibia, Kurdistan, Jamaica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Hong Kong and Iraq now living across Bradford, Leeds and Sheffield. Weekly sessions have led to the creation of a film series, 6 celebration events, an interactive recipe book, an interactive trail and 3 live performances.

Participants have continued to deliver training sessions for academics and artists interested in working with people seeking sanctuary and have developed a Welcome Toolkit - an industry guide for working in this field.

Throughout the year we support participants and artists to develop projects and productions beyond our programme through mentoring, script development, research and development, theatre trips and audition training.

Partnerships

The Montgomery Theatre, Oldham Coliseum, Theatre in the Mill, University of Sheffield

Collaborations and commissions

Sheffield Theatres, Migration Matters Festival

Funding support

Paul Hamlyn Foundation, Arts Council England, Sheffield City Council, Amal

Financial Review

Income for the year amounted to £443,152 (2023: £187,223) of which £114,609 (2023: £167,933) was for restricted purposes. We have gone into further details of our delivery and the main funders in the section above "Summary of main achievements during the period".

Expenditure was £339,692 (2023: £191,846) with £80,115 (2023: £170,581) spent out of the restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the charity reserves and agreed that the aim is for the charity to hold reserves of at least 6 months staff and operational costs. This figure is approximately £95,000.

As at 31 March 2024 free reserves, calculated as the general fund balance, excluding the accounting value of tangible assets, totalled £123,736 (2023: £54,770).

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Trustees' annual report - continued
For the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above on
6 Nov 2024

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor MacFarlane', written in a cursive style.

Trevor MacFarlane FRSA
Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the directors of Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the period ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

S Cochrane

Signed: _____
Susan Cochrane, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
57 Burton Street
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Date: 07/11/2024

Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an income and expenditure statement)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and grants	2	132,130	114,609	246,739	3,036	111,327	114,363
Charitable activities	3	192,363	-	192,363	814	56,606	57,420
Other income		4,050	-	4,050	15,440	-	15,440
Total income		328,543	114,609	443,152	19,290	167,933	187,223
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	4	259,577	80,115	339,692	21,265	170,581	191,846
Total expenditure		259,577	80,115	339,692	21,265	170,581	191,846
Net income/(expenditure)		68,966	34,494	103,460	(1,975)	(2,648)	(4,623)
Taxation	8	-	-	-	2,908	-	2,908
Net movement on funds		68,966	34,494	103,460	933	(2,648)	(1,715)
Total fund brought forward		54,770	-	54,770	53,837	2,648	56,485
Total funds carried forward		123,736	34,494	158,230	54,770	-	54,770

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1,106	15,635
Cash at bank and in hand		163,676	42,675
Total current assets		164,782	58,310
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,552)	(3,540)
Net current assets		158,230	54,770
Total assets less current liabilities		158,230	54,770
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net assets		158,230	54,770
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		123,736	54,770
Restricted funds	11	34,494	-
Total funds	12	158,230	54,770

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 6 Nov 2024
and signed on its behalf by:



Print name: Trevor MacFarlane
Position: Trustee

1 Accounting Policies

(a) General

Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. In the event that the charity is wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the advancement of arts culture and heritage for the public benefit.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £.

(b) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

(c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charitable company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

(d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charitable company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the accounts.

(e) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

(f) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Stand and Be Counted Theatre Ltd
Notes to the Accounts - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies - continued

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(h) Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The pension costs charged are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period in accordance with FRS102.

(i) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

(j) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that the charity will continue to operate for 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

2 Income from donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations	30	-	30	1,836	-	1,836
Gifts in Kind	72,100	-	72,100	-	-	-
Grants:						
Arts Council England	-	106,609	106,609	-	48,110	48,110
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	60,000	-	60,000	-	-	-
AMAL	-	8,000	8,000	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	1,200	63,217	64,417
	132,130	114,609	246,739	3,036	111,327	114,363

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Commissions, box office and partnership income	192,363	-	192,363	814	56,606	57,420
	192,363	-	192,363	814	56,606	57,420

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Project costs	123,439	50,000	173,439	1,584	170,581	172,165
Staff costs:						
Staff salary costs	5 101,811	30,115	131,926	-	-	-
Freelance consultancy	4,275	-	4,275	-	-	-
Training and development	810	-	810	-	-	-
Travel and accommodation	3,720	-	3,720	139	-	139
Support costs:						
Insurance	2,855	-	2,855	2,747	-	2,747
IT and website costs	1,453	-	1,453	1,766	-	1,766
Marketing and PR	4,187	-	4,187	406	-	406
Office expenses	1,590	-	1,590	3,800	-	3,800
Printing, postage and stationary	200	-	200	-	-	-
Subscriptions	912	-	912	-	-	-
Storage costs	3,707	-	3,707	-	-	-
Professional fees	7,846	-	7,846	7,873	-	7,873
Independent examination	2,772	-	2,772	2,950	-	2,950
	259,577	80,115	339,692	21,265	170,581	191,846

5 Staff costs

	2024
	£
Salaries	102,635
Employer's National Insurance contributions	10,064
Employer's allowance	(5,000)
Employer's pension contributions	2,459
Freelance staff costs	21,768
	<u>131,926</u>

No employee receives emoluments in excess of £60,000. The average monthly numbers of employees during the year was 3 (2023: 0). There were no employees in the prior year.

6 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment in the year (2023: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the CEO and the Artistic Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel was £71,309.

7 Related Party Transactions

Esther Richardson, a trustee, is also a trustee of The Pilot Theatre, York. During the year, the Charity earned income of £1,568 from working in partnership with The Pilot Theatre. There were no other related party transactions during the year.

8 Independent examination fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination fee	<u>2,772</u>	<u>2,950</u>
Other fees payable to the independent examiner's organisation:		
Taxation services	240	
Other assurance services	1,500	
	<u>1,740</u>	

8 Taxation

	2024	2023
	£	£
Corporation tax charge	-	2,908
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,908</u>

9 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,106	-
Prepayments	-	245
Tax recoverable	-	15,390
	<u>1,106</u>	<u>15,635</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	6,552	3,540
	<u>6,552</u>	<u>3,540</u>

11 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1-Apr-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31-Mar-24 £
Soap Box Bradford	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	-
Arts Council England - Co Creation	-	39,109	(39,109)	-	-
Arts Council England - Arts for Welcome	-	67,500	(33,006)	-	34,494
	-	114,609	(80,115)	-	34,494

The main restricted funds are:

Soap Box Bradford

A adult creative learning programme for people seeking sanctuary aged 16+

Arts Council England - Co Creation

To deliver creative training and co-created live and digital performance projects with people seeking sanctuary in Barnsley, Oldham, Sheffield, Bradford and Leeds.

Arts Council England - Arts for Welcome

To deliver creative training and co-created live and digital performance projects with people seeking sanctuary in Oldham, Sheffield, Bradford and Leeds.

Prior year comparison

	Balance at 1-Apr-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31-Mar-23 £
YTOS	2,648	18,898	(21,546)	-	-
Secret Summer	-	17,664	(17,664)	-	-
Soap Box Leeds	-	23,842	(23,842)	-	-
Soap Box Bradford	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Soap Box Coventry	-	2,379	(2,379)	-	-
Soap Box York	-	1,322	(1,322)	-	-
Together (Sheffield Production)	-	27,720	(27,720)	-	-
Arts Council	-	69,108	(69,108)	-	-
	2,648	167,933	(170,581)	-	-

12 Net assets by fund

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £
Current assets	130,288	34,494	164,782
Current liabilities	(6,552)	-	(6,552)
	123,736	34,494	158,230
<i>Net assets by fund - Prior year</i>	<i>General funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>2023 Total £</i>
Current assets	58,310	-	58,310
Current liabilities	(3,540)	-	(3,540)
	54,770	-	54,770