



Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for Aeron Arts for the Financial Year Ending 5th April 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1200746

Purpose

This report constitutes the Annual Report and financial statements for Aeron Arts for the year ended 5th April 2025. It adopts the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective from 1st January 2019.

Structure, Governance and Management

Aeron Arts was initially registered in February 2022 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under the Association model. In January 2024 the Charity Commission approved the transfer in status to the Foundation model which better suited its nature and now governs and controls the actions of the trustees. The trustees oversee the provision of free creative arts and music workshops for children and young people living in Ceredigion, particularly for those who are vulnerable or in at-risk categories.

The following policies and procedures were approved by trustees in December:

- Bullying and Harassment
- Code of Conduct
- Complaints
- Financial Management
- Environmental Sustainability
- Equality and Diversity
- Recruitment and Selection: team members & volunteers
- Safeguarding
- Welsh Language
- Whistleblowing.

The charity's first Annual General Meeting was held on 11th January 2025 and covered the period from establishment up to 5th April 2024.

Objects

Aeron Arts' mission is to improve mental health and wellbeing, boost confidence, and reduce inequalities among young people, ensuring that all participants, regardless of their background, have access to supportive and enriching creative opportunities.

The formal objects set out in our Constitution are:

To advance in life and help young people aged 0-25 living in Ceredigion through:

- a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;*
- b) Providing support and activities, especially but not exclusively through the creative arts which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.*

Registered Address

c/o Pengloyn
Tabernacle Street
Aberaeron
Ceredigion
SA46 0BN

Trustees

The complete list of trustees during this period is set out below:

- Gillian Boyd (from 11th January 2024)
- Gill Byrne (Acting Secretary from 19th July 2024, appointment ratified at AGM)
- Natalie Chapman (resigned as Chair in August 2024 and as a trustee on 11th January 2025)
- Kirstie Edwards (resigned 19 July 2024 as both trustee and Secretary)
- Alice Skellon (from 11th January 2024)
- Sian Stewart (from 10th September 2024 when also appointed as Chair elect, appointment ratified at AGM)
- William Stewart (from 11th January 2025 when also appointed as Treasurer)
- Kaz Trinder
- Megan Tomlins (Treasurer to 11 January 2025).

Summary of Activities During 2024-25

During this reporting period free creative arts and music sessions were held on a weekly basis after school, during term time.

- 39 arts sessions took place on Mondays covering areas such as printmaking, sewing, painting, drawing and costume making. The average attendance was 18 with a range from 9 to 27 attendees.
- 28 music sessions took place on Fridays where attendees sing, learn to play ensemble music in a group and learn music theory. The average attendance was 11, with a range from 6 to 16 attendees.

Sessions were led by an experienced and respected local artist, Natalie Chapman and musician, Rory Chapman and were supported by qualified youth worker, Helen Cotterill. All work for the charity on a sessional basis. A number of volunteers also contributed their support during this period, most notably Rebecca Wood as support music tutor. Food and snacks were provided at all sessions, essential in this County with the second highest level of food poverty in Wales.

Aeron Arts' work was showcased in a number of events during the reporting year:

- Over Easter 2024, the postcards produced in the art group were exhibited in the town's art gallery. From March 2025 to the end of June the products of the identity project funded by the Police Commissioner were displayed in the RAY Ceredigion offices, the community facility where the workshops are held. A social enterprise has been established with a craft shop in the town to sell the craft work produced, such as T-shirts, badges, bags. The income from sales will be reinvested into the charity.
- The young musicians performed in the Cross Inn Picnic in the Park community event in July 2024. In Feb 2025 lead music tutor, Rory Chapman, organised a Valentine's Ball for local young people. Held in the Feathers Royal Hotel, Aberaeron our musicians, now performing as Soap, played a full set of covers with decorations and a backdrop banner provided by the art group.
- Aeron Arts also had a major presence at The Aberaeron RAY Play Day in August; an important annual event held in the town centre as part of the UK National Play Day initiative. This included a fashion parade of recycled-repurposed clothing and a set by the band. Filmed for an episode of the tv series Weather Man Walking, both tutors and young participants were interviewed and the programme was broadcast in November.

During this period, we started regularly posting images of the workshops and events on the Aeron Arts Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AeronArtspage/>

Our projects and events are promoted this way and it also provides a platform to thank funders for their support. Our young attendees and their parents have given approval that photographs of them can be used to promote the work of the charity and for fundraising purposes.

Social media also provided the opportunity to run a public appeal in January for unwanted musical instruments and equipment. The response was overwhelming, allowing the charity to provide much needed instruments and kit giving us the capacity to take on more youngsters in the music sessions and to establish a loan system so they can take instruments home for practice.

The inaugural chair resigned in August to concentrate on her role as creative lead. Her passion for the arts and for bringing them to the most needy and vulnerable

young people had set the ethos for Aeron Arts and her work as co-founder of the charity had been pivotal to establishing and developing this much needed provision.

In her early months in post, the incoming Chair focussed on governance arrangements, introducing a more appropriate constitution for a charity of Aeron Arts' role and developing the set of policies outlined above. The incoming treasurer established the financial systems and reporting arrangements needed to plan, monitor and account for the charity's expenditure and assets.

Funding was provided for most of the year through an *Awards for All* Big Lottery grant. This was supplemented by monies raised by Natalie through a sponsored walk. The Aeron Lodge of the Masons provided a generous donation which allowed the charity to operate for two months over the winter. Recognising our contribution to the reduction levels of youth anti-social behaviour in the town, the Office of the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner approved a funding bid covering sessions in February and March of this year.

Seeking sustainable long-term funding remains the biggest challenge for the charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 27/09/25

and signed on its behalf by: Siân Stewart

Siân Stewart, Chair

Annual Accounts

Balance Sheet

Aeron Arts					
Balance sheet for the financial year ending 5 April 2025					
	5 April 2025			5 April 2024	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets (musical equipment)		£1,691.98			£0.00
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank	£4,680.69			£10,920.40	
Petty Cash	£105.54			£0.00	
		£4,786.23			£10,920.40
TOTAL ASSETS		£6,478.21			£10,920.40
RESERVES (TBD)					

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

W M Stewart

W Stewart, Treasurer

Date

28/9/25

Annual Accounts

Income and Expenditure

Aeron Arts				
Income and Expenditure for Financial Year ending 5th April 2025				
	2024-25		2023-24	
<u>Income</u>				
Donations	£3,985.87		£200.00	
Grant Funding	£2,660.00		£9,994.00	
Event proceeds	£306.00		£782.20	
Other	£0.00		£15.00	
Total Income		£6,951.87		£10,991.20
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Art Tutor (55)	£3,780.00			
Music Tutor (43)	£3,060.00			
Youth worker/Support (98)	£3,874.00			
Admin Support	£288.00			
Insurance	£119.16			
Musical Equipment Purchase	£271.98			
Room Hire	£1,155.50			
Petty cash (Food)	£600.00			
Bank Charges	£42.94		£70.80	
Total Expenditure		£13,191.58		£70.80
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		(£6,239.71)		£10,920.40

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Bank Reconciliation

Date	Bank Description	Description	CR/DR	Amount	Balance
01-Apr-24	Brought Forward Balance				£10,920.40
11-Apr-24	REFUND OF CHARGES	Bank charges	CR	£25.00	£10,945.40
23-Apr-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01APR2024	Bank charges	DR	£5.00	£10,940.40
10-May-24	100001	Arts Workshops (18)	DR	£1,080.00	£9,860.40
15-May-24	100005	Music Workshops (15)	DR	£900.00	£8,960.40
17-May-24	100004	Arts Workshops (1)	DR	£60.00	£8,900.40
23-May-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01MAY2024	Bank charges	DR	£5.00	£8,895.40
23-Jun-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01JUN2024	Bank charges	DR	£6.20	£8,889.20
19-Jul-24	100006 CASH 400809	Petty Cash withdrawal	DR	£200.00	£8,689.20
19-Jul-24	CASH IN AT 400809	Aeron Arts Open Evening donation	CR	£85.87	£8,775.07
22-Jul-24	CHQ IN AT 400809	Mayors Fund donation	CR	£100.00	£8,875.07
23-Jul-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01JUL2024	Bank charges	DR	£5.00	£8,870.07
02-Aug-24	100007	Room Hire (Ray Ceredigion)	DR	£687.50	£8,182.57
06-Aug-24	100010	Music Workshops (11)	DR	£660.00	£7,522.57
06-Aug-24	100009	Arts Workshops (10)	DR	£600.00	£6,922.57
23-Aug-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01AUG2024	Bank charges	DR	£7.74	£6,914.83
17-Sep-24	100011	Music Workshops (2)	DR	£120.00	£6,794.83
23-Sep-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01SEP2024	Bank charges	DR	£6.20	£6,788.63
30-Sep-24	FEDWEN TENTAGE LIMMARQUEE HIRE	Marquee Hire	DR	£1,458.00	£5,330.63
30-Sep-24	RAY Ceredigion VENUE HIRE	Admin Support from RAY	DR	£288.00	£5,042.63
10-Oct-24	HELLEN COTTERILL Assistant Sept 24	Support Youth Worker	DR	£280.00	£4,762.63
23-Oct-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01OCT2024	Bank charges	DR	£5.40	£4,757.23
24-Oct-24	ABERAERON T.C. TFRABERAERONTOWNCNCL	Aberaeron Town Council donation	CR	£500.00	£5,257.23
18-Nov-24	NATALIE CHAPMAN WORKSHOPS SEPT	Arts Workshops (4)	DR	£240.00	£5,017.23
18-Nov-24	NATALIE CHAPMAN WORKSHOPS OCT	Arts Workshops (4)	DR	£240.00	£4,777.23
18-Nov-24	HELLEN COTTERILL Assistant Oct	Arts (3) and Music (1) sessions	DR	£224.00	£4,553.23
18-Nov-24	GEORGE RORY CHAPMAMUSIC WORKSHOPS OC	Music Workshops (3)	DR	£180.00	£4,373.23
23-Nov-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01NOV2024	Bank charges	DR	£5.00	£4,368.23
02-Dec-24	100012 CASH 400809	Petty Cash withdrawal	DR	£200.00	£4,168.23
12-Dec-24	QUAY FRESH AND FRO	Quay Fresh donation	CR	£500.00	£4,668.23
17-Dec-24	Aberaeron A r CylcDONATION 17122024	Aberaeron Rotary Club donation	CR	£300.00	£4,968.23
20-Dec-24	GEORGE RORY CHAPMAMUSIC WKSHOPS NOV	Music Workshops (3)	DR	£180.00	£4,788.23
20-Dec-24	GEORGE RORY CHAPMAMUSIC WKSHOP DEC	Music Workshops (1)	DR	£60.00	£4,728.23
20-Dec-24	RAY Ceredigion VENUE HIRE	Room Hire (Ray Ceredigion)	DR	£288.00	£4,440.23
20-Dec-24	NATALIE CHAPMAN ART WKSHOPS NOV DEC	Arts Workshops (7)	DR	£420.00	£4,020.23
20-Dec-24	HELLEN COTTERILL Wkshop Asst Nov	Arts (4) and Music (3) sessions	DR	£359.24	£3,660.99
20-Dec-24	HELLEN COTTERILL Wkshop Asst Dec	Arts (3) and Music (1) sessions	DR	£564.52	£3,096.47
23-Dec-24	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01DEC2024	Bank charges	DR	£5.00	£3,091.47
12-Jan-25	The Province of WeWest Wales Masons	Masons donation	CR	£2,500.00	£5,591.47
23-Jan-25	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01JAN2025	Bank charges	DR	£6.20	£5,585.27
28-Jan-25	Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance	DR	£119.16	£5,466.11
07-Feb-15	Andertons Music, Guildford	Musical Equipment	DR	£271.98	£5,194.13
11-Feb-25	NATALIE CHAPMAN WORKSHOPS JAN 25	Arts Workshops (3)	DR	£180.00	£5,014.13
11-Feb-25	HELLEN COTTERILL Assistant JAN 25	Arts (3) and Music (3) sessions	DR	£28.24	£4,985.89
11-Feb-25	ABERAERON ROYAL BRHALL HIRE 7 FEB	Room Hire (British Legion)	DR	£20.00	£4,965.89
21-Feb-25	CASH POSTOFF FEB2120 21 MARKET@10:52	Petty Cash withdrawal	DR	£200.00	£4,765.89
23-Feb-25	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01FEB2025	Bank charges	DR	£5.00	£4,760.89
24-Feb-25	PCC FOR DP PAY	Police Commissioner Grant	CR	£2,660.00	£7,420.89
27-Feb-25	CHAPMAN G R VALENTINES-BALL	Proceeds from Valentines Ball event	CR	£306.00	£7,726.89
28-Feb-25	GEORGE RORY CHAPMAMUSIC WORKSHOPS	Music Workshops (3) and Ball (1)	DR	£480.00	£7,246.89
06-Mar-25	NATALIE CHAPMAN WKSHOPS FEB X 3	Arts Workshops (3)	DR	£360.00	£6,886.89
06-Mar-25	HELLEN COTTERILL ASST X 7 FEB 25	Arts (3) and Music (3) sessions and Ball (1)	DR	£420.00	£6,466.89
06-Mar-25	RAY Ceredigion VENUE FEB X 5	Room Hire (Ray Ceredigion)	DR	£100.00	£6,366.89
23-Mar-25	TOTAL CHARGES TO 01MAR2025	Bank charges	DR	£6.20	£6,360.69
04-Apr-25	GEORGE RORY CHAPMAMUSIC WORKSHOPS	Music Workshops (4)	DR	£480.00	£5,880.69
05-Apr-25	NATALIE CHAPMAN ART WORKSHOPS	Art Workshops (5)	DR	£600.00	£5,280.69
05-Apr-25	HELLEN COTTERILL Youth Support	Arts (4) and Music (5) sessions	DR	£540.00	£4,740.69
05-Apr-25	ABERAERON ROYAL BRHALL HIRE	Room Hire (British Legion)	DR	£60.00	£4,680.69