

FAMILY THING

England & Wales · Charity number 1203834

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-07-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS 1. TO ADVANCE PERFORMING ARTS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROVIDING DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES AND DIVERSE ABILITIES. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAUSE 3, 'LEARNING DIFFERENCES AND DIVERSE ABILITIES' MEANS PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED, OR ARE RECOGNISED, AS HAVING LEARNING, MENTAL AND/ OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008].

Activities: We provide opportunities for individuals with learning differences and diverse abilities to feel empowered, to be supported and to have a sense of belonging. We do this through the provision of dance classes and workshops with a base in commercial dance, and by supporting our dancers to take part in performances throughout the year.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£4,325	£10,553	-	-
2024-04-05	£13,029	£6,856	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kate Busaka	Chair	2022-10-20
Joanna Lake MSc A.CIPD		2022-12-01
Mark Bond		2024-10-10

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Trustee's Annual Report for the period 6th April 2024 - 5th April 2025

Administration:

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Structure, Governance and Management:

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In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustees:

Kate Busaka (Chair)

Jo Lake

Mark Bond

Mags Flanagan (retired Oct 2024)

Senior Staff:

Samantha Simson (Operations
Manager)



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All trustees have read and understood the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.



Main Achievements

In April 2024 a new youth group was started as our first youth class, supported by The National Lottery, continued to be an enormous success. A fantastic new member of support staff, Cheyanne, joined us to help with these growing classes. She has been a truly wonderful addition to our Family Thing family. We also look forward to welcoming another member of support staff, Cat, who will add to the youth group team.

In October this year we were thrilled to welcome our new trustee, Mark Bond, who has been a great addition to our board. Mark is an expert in fundraising and we are benefitting greatly from his insight when it comes to thinking strategically about finances.

We were very sad to have to say goodbye to one of our founding trustees, Mags. Her impact on Family Thing, particularly as we gained charitable status, will not be forgotten, and we are extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to work with her. She has moved on to greener pastures in terms of her career and we are deeply happy for her and wish her the very best always.

Our Family Thing dancers performed 6 times, which is twice more than the previous year. These included performances at Unity Clubnight, Woodingdean Carnival, Hill Park School fair, Dance Active and Let's Dance.

Family Thing also held our annual Christmas Party where dancers performed, and for the first time, had the opportunity to watch videos of their previous performances. This was a huge hit with supporters and dancers alike!



Financial Review

Cash in the bank at the end of this financial year is £256.

This year we were grateful to be able to support the charity with last year's grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery. This has been an enormous support to us and we hope to receive another grant from the National Lottery next year. The rest of our income was from our activities and classes. We aim to continue to increase the number of dancers we have the opportunity to work with in coming years.

This year also, Family Thing had a raffle where we raised £160, and another event later in the year where we raised an additional £100.

In order for the charity to continue to run successfully other grants will need to be sourced in the next financial year as continuation funding is not guaranteed. The board continues to try to plan strategically for success in this area and hope to sustain the great work of Family Thing with continued financial growth and support from partner organisations.



Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees -

Full name:

Joanna Lake

Signature:

Joanna Lake

Date:

5/10/25



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no (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 06/04/24	To	Period end date 05/04/25
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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					
Trading Income	4,065	-	-	4,065	1,854
Grants	-	-	-	-	10,750
Fundraising	260	-	-	260	425
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	4,325	-	-	4,325	13,029
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loans	-	-	-	-	250
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	250
Total receipts	4,325	-	-	4,325	13,279
A3 Payments					
Wages	4,151	4,245	-	8,396	2,841
Internet package: email, website	70	75	-	145	90
Hall Hire	75	480	-	555	510
Social Media	-	-	-	-	2,496
Insurance	-	-	-	-	157
Advertising	-	120	-	120	32
Online Dev	-	676	-	676	625
Safeguarding	-	231	-	231	-
Uniform	-	260	-	260	106
Misc	-	170	-	170	19
Sub total	4,296	6,257	-	10,553	6,876
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,296	6,257	-	10,553	6,876
Net of receipts/(payments)	29	- 6,257	-	- 6,229	6,403
A5 Transfers between funds	- 258	258	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	476	6,008	-	6,484	-
Cash funds this year end	247	9	-	256	6,403



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	Metro Bank	247	9	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	247	9	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Joanna</i>	Joanna Lake	20/9/25

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All trustees have read and understood the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.



Main Achievements

Family Thing successfully registered with the UK Charity Commission in July 2023.

In April 2023 a class of 6 adults called the 'Dance Ninjas' was set up, and was successfully funded later in the same year by the East Brighton Trust. The classes were a great success with positive feedback from all participants and their support workers. The grant from East Brighton Trust also enabled Family Thing to offer ten weeks' of dance sessions at St John's College, a specialist provision college in the East Brighton area.

In May 2023 Family Thing engaged with students from the University of Sussex, who volunteered their support with advertising.

Family Thing dancers performed 4 times, at Unity Clubnights for Brighton Pride in June and July 2023, at Dance Active in December 2023, and in house at our Family Thing 2023 Christmas party.

In November 2023 we successfully secured a £10,000 grant from the National Lottery. This led us to hire a new member of staff, Tabitha, who completed her training and induction to begin working as a teacher for Family Thing by the end of January 2024.

In February 2024 the Youth Class supported by the lottery grant began working together; 11 new young people joined Family Thing. It was such an enormous success that plans were made to create a second youth class to begin in April 2024.



Financial Review

Cash in the bank at the end of this financial year is £6,403.

We were extremely grateful to have been successful with two significant grants this year, one from the National Lottery and another from East Brighton Trust. Other income has been generated by class fees which has been able to support some operational costs for the charity. There was also a fundraising event in July 2023 where we raised £425.

The majority of the National Lottery grant will be used in the next financial year due to the running dates of the project.

In order for the charity to continue to run successfully other grants will need to be sourced in the next financial year as continuation funding is not guaranteed. However, the board feels confident that following such a positive start that this will be possible.

In this financial year two bridging loans were given by Family Thing Trustees in total £250.



Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees -

Full name:

Joanna Lake

Signature:

Joanna Lake

Date:

5/2/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
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No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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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					
Trading income	1,854	-	-	1,854	165
Grants	-	10,750	-	10,750	-
Fundraising	425	-	-	425	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,279	10,750	-	13,029	165
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loans	250	-	-	250	250
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	250	-	-	250	250
Total receipts	2,529	10,750	-	13,279	415
A3 Payments					
Wages	1,752	1,089	-	2,841	350
Internet package: email, website	60	30	-	90	5
Hall Hire	300	210	-	510	-
Social Media	-	2,496	-	2,496	-
Insurance	-	157	-	157	-
Advertising	2	30	-	32	-
Online Dev	-	625	-	625	-
Uniform	-	106	-	106	-
Sub total	2,114	4,742	-	6,856	355
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,114	4,742	-	6,856	355
Net of receipts/(payments)	415	6,008	-	6,423	60
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	60	-	-	60	-
Cash funds this year end	476	6,008	-	6,483	60

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	Metro Current Account	395	6,008	-
	Cash	81	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	476	6,008	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-



	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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
	Joanna Lake	5/2/24