

# PLANET UNIVERSE

Annual Report for the Period Ended 31st October 2024

A world of adventures and  
magical experiences



Planet Universe Registered Charity 1205416



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Where  
imagination  
becomes adventure  
—and adventure  
shapes lives.

ONCE UPON A DREAM:  
Message from the Chair



Planet Universe

Dear Friends and Supporters

Planet Universe began with a dream: to create a place where every child—regardless of background—can thrive through fun, belonging, and magical experiences. In our first year that dream came alive; we launched with 70 girls and 60 boys, and in just one year have grown to over 350 children! The enthusiasm and incredible growth we've seen in such a short time is a testament to the power of community, vision, and shared purpose.

Throughout this inaugural year, Planet Universe has become a place where creativity, confidence, and connection flourish. One of our proudest moments this year was our winter production, which brought joy to hundreds and gave every child on stage a chance to shine. But it wasn't just the applause at the end — it was the months of rehearsals, the friendships formed, and the skills developed that truly made it special. Our regular clubs, seasonal events, and creative projects have provided meaningful opportunities for participants to explore their talents and build their confidence in a fun, safe and non-academic environment. With hundreds of children reached and hearts touched, Planet Universe's success has exceeded beyond expectations.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support from our funders, volunteers, staff, and parents. Your generosity, dedication, and partnership have been essential in making Planet Universe a success. To all parents, thank you for entrusting us with your children and for your ongoing cooperation and encouragement — your involvement makes all the difference.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on this strong foundation. Our goals include expanding access, enriching our programmes, and continuing to create an inclusive, inspiring environment where every child can thrive. With the continued support of our community, we are confident Planet Universe will remain a beacon of growth and joy for many years to come.

Thank you for being an essential part of this adventure with us.

Warm regards,

**Rabbi Eliezer Schneebalg**  
Chair, Planet Universe





## OUR MISSION: Light Up the Universe

Planet Universe is a vibrant, inclusive youth club offering magical, diverse programme for girls and boys ages 3 to 17. In just one year, we've grown from 130 children to over 350—a powerful reflection of the impact we're making. We create a safe, joyful space where every child feels valued, empowered, and inspired to shine. Through creativity, connection, and care, we help children believe in themselves—and their future.

To make sure no child misses out, all activities are subsidised, with 25% of places offered completely free to families who cannot afford them. We currently serve children and families across Edgware, Hendon, Golders Green, Stamford Hill, and surrounding areas.



## THE DREAM-MAKERS: Leadership & Vision

Behind Planet Universe is a team driven by purpose and heart. Our founder, Gaby Dykzstejn, was once a child with a dream: to create a space where every child—especially those from large or vulnerable families—could feel safe, special, and confident.

Today, that vision is brought to life by a diverse team of 20 volunteers, 10 staff members and 3 Trustees with experience in youth work, education, events, and mental health. Each one brings a touch of magic and a whole lot of heart.

**“A strong team builds strong dreams.”**

## OUR GALAXY AT A GLANCE



**“Fun is serious business when it shapes a child's future.”**



# STARS IN THE MAKING

A peek into our weekly Sunday clubs, where children explore new skills, make friends and build confidence.

## BOUNCE & FLOW

Stretch, shake, and spin.

## CHECKMATE CHAMPS

Think fast. Plan smart.  
Win cool.

## POWER-UP

Strength, balance, and  
unstoppable energy.

## PITCH PERFECT

Find your voice,  
hit your note.

## SNIP & STYLE

Hair flair in  
every chair.

## 3D PIXEL POP

Design it. Spin it.  
See it come alive.

## KEY TO THE BEAT

Music at your fingertips.

## SUGAR & SPARK

Bake it. Decorate it. Love it.

## CURTAIN TIME

Express, rehearse, perform.

## WOOD WHIZZ

Draw with fire. Craft with flair.

## MINI MODELLING

Tiny homes, steady hands.

## PAINT PALS

Mix, splash, swirl, create.

CHECKMATE CHAMPS



PAINT PALS



PITCH PERFECT



WOOD WHIZZ



POWER-UP



SUGAR & SPARK







# A YEAR OF MAGIC, MEANING, AND MINI ADVENTURES

A spotlight on standout events that lit up 2023-24 with joy, growth, and a touch of Planet magic.

## MISSION: BUILD TOGETHER



**LIGHT & LAUGHTER CULTURAL FESTIVAL**  
A vibrant celebration filled with song, activity and dance — bringing together over 60 girls for a fun, social gathering of light and laughter.

NOVEMBER 2023

DECEMBER 2023

**MAGIC STAGE: ANNUAL PRODUCTION**  
A polished, vibrant production where over 70 Planet participants took the spotlight—building confidence, creative expression, and unforgettable memories through acting, dance, and teamwork. We had an audience of over 400!

JANUARY 2024



FEBRUARY 2024

LIGHT & LAUGHTER CULTURAL FESTIVAL

SONG AT SYDMAR

MISSION: BUILD TOGETHER

CLAY DAY CREATION

MAGIC STAGE: ANNUAL REPORT

SPRING DAY CAMP

PLANET TURNS ONE: PRIMARY GIRLS CELEBRATION

GIVE & GLOW



SONG AT SYDMAR LODGE CARE HOME

MARCH 2024



CLAY DAY CREATION

MARCH 2024

**SPRING DAY CAMP**  
During the Spring break, planet offered an engaging, fun-filled day camp for children aged 3-12. It gave families breathing space—and gave children a chance to learn, laugh, and shine.

APRIL 2024



GIVE & GLOW

AUGUST 2024

“There’s no such thing as an ordinary day at Planet Universe.”





## STORIES FROM OUR STARS

“The magic of Planet Universe is best told by those who live it.”

### Teacher's View

“Since joining Planet Universe, Avital has truly come out of her shell. She’s speaking up, sharing ideas, and even leading group projects—things she never would’ve done before. The confidence and joy she’s found there clearly carry over into the classroom.”

**Mrs. Rokach, Educator**



### Child's Voice

“Planet Universe feels like my second home! I loved making soap, doing art, and singing with my friends. It’s full of fun and friendship, and I always feel happy and safe. Voting for our theme song made me feel so grown up. I hope it never ends!”

**Ita, Age 10**



### Parents' Perspective

“We always knew Danny had a musical side, but private lessons weren’t an option. When Planet Universe offered free keyboard sessions, we were so grateful. His confidence has grown so much—he’s not just playing, he’s expressing himself. Planet gave him more than music; it gave him joy and a place to belong.”

**Mr & Mrs Greenberg**



### Child's Voice

“I never thought I could do a headstand—now I can hold it for ten seconds! Power Up makes me feel stronger, proud, and even helps me sleep better.”

**Rafi, Age 12**

## THE ROAD AHEAD: Next Stop, the Galaxy

Our first year was only the beginning. In the year to come, we dream of:

- Reaching even more children across our community
- Expanding our holiday activities and events
- Strengthening our support for families facing challenges
- Introducing new programmes that bring joy, build resilience, and nurture personal growth

With your continued support, we’ll keep building this magical universe—one adventure at a time.

### Parents' Perspective

“School was always a struggle for Sarah—she often felt left behind. But at Planet Universe, she finally found a place to shine. Joining the dance group she’d always dreamed of lit her up. Each week she came home beaming with pride, growing more confident with every rehearsal. Watching her perform was beautiful—but seeing her feel included and valued meant even more.”

**Mrs. Levinson**



“When you give a child the world, they’ll show you how far they can go”





## Trustees' Review

### Structure, Governance and Management

Planet Universe is overseen by a Board of three trustees and operated by a team comprising 10 staff members and 20 volunteers. The charity is managed in accordance with its governing document and relevant regulatory requirements.

### Objectives and Activities

Planet Universe advances the wellbeing and personal development of children and young people aged 3 to 17 through inclusive, creative, and engaging programmes. Activities are delivered across North and North West London and are subsidised to ensure accessibility for all, including families facing financial hardship.

The trustees confirm their compliance with the duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

### Achievements and Performance

In its first year, Planet Universe achieved a 170% increase in participation, delivering 11 weekly programmes alongside seasonal events and creative projects. Key highlights included a winter production with over 400 attendees and continued support from 20 active volunteers. The charity maintained a strong emphasis on accessibility and inclusion.

### Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain free reserves which cover at least three months of operational expenses. As this is the first year that the charity operated it was not yet possible to achieve the desired level of reserves. As at 31 October 2024, the charity held £5,686 in unrestricted funds.

### Risk Management

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finance of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks.

### Financial Review

The charity was able to continue its activities to the satisfaction of the trustees and is discussed in more detail elsewhere in this report.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 6 June 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

**Rabbi E Schneebalg**  
Trustee



## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Planet Universe ('the charity') for the period ended 31 October 2024.

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.

*David Goldberg*  
David Goldberg (Jun 24, 2025 14:34 GMT+1)

### David Goldberg, FCA

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6 June 2025





## Statement of Financial Activities

	Period from 26 Oct 23 to 31 Oct 24		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>			
Donations and legacies	4	53,059	53,059
Charitable activities	5	27,232	27,232
Other income	6	1,628	1,628
<b>Total income</b>		<u>81,919</u>	<u>81,919</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	76,233	76,233
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>76,233</u>	<u>76,233</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>5,686</u>	<u>5,686</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		—	—
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>5,686</u>	<u>5,686</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 16 to 19 form part of these financial statements.



## Statement of Financial Position

	Note	31 Oct 24 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	11	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand		686
		<u>10,686</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>5,686</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>5,686</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Unrestricted funds		<u>5,686</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	13	<u>5,686</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 6 June 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

**Rabbi E Schneebalg**  
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 19 form part of these financial statements.





Notes to the Financial Statements

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 88 Edgware way, Edgware, HA8 8JS.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue its charitable activities for the foreseeable future.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.



Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Incoming Resources (continued)

- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Donations	53,059	53,059



## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Creative and recreational activities	8,671	8,671
Cultural activities	1,014	1,014
Day camp and holiday activities	5,746	5,746
Performance and annual show	3,985	3,985
Sports and exercise	6,763	6,763
Membership	1,053	1,053
	<u>27,232</u>	<u>27,232</u>

### 6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Other income	<u>1,628</u>	<u>1,628</u>

### 7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Creative and recreational activities	23,156	23,156
Cultural activities	9,469	9,469
Day camp and holiday activities	13,293	13,293
Performance and annual show	14,243	14,243
Sports and exercise	14,189	14,189
Support costs	<u>1,883</u>	<u>1,883</u>
	<u>76,233</u>	<u>76,233</u>

### 8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support Costs	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Creative and recreational activities	23,156	—	23,156
Cultural activities	9,469	—	9,469
Day camp and holiday activities	13,293	—	13,293
Performance and annual show	14,243	—	14,243
Sports and exercise	14,189	—	14,189
Governance costs	—	<u>1,883</u>	<u>1,883</u>
	<u>74,350</u>	<u>1,883</u>	<u>76,233</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 9. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the period was Nil.  
No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the period.

### 10. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

There was no remuneration paid to the trustees. The charity did not meet any individual expenses incurred by the trustees for services provided to the charity.

### 11. Debtors

	31 Oct 24
	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>10,000</u>

### 12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	31 Oct 24
	£
Other creditors	<u>5,000</u>

### 13. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds	At 26 October 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>—</u>	<u>81,919</u>	<u>(76,233)</u>	<u>5,686</u>

### 14. Analysis of Net assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Current assets	10,686	10,686
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
Net assets	<u>5,686</u>	<u>5,686</u>

### 15. Related Parties

There were no related party transactions during the period under review.





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**Trustees**

Rabbi Eliezer Schneebalg  
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Chana Brazil

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