

Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Year: 24/07/2024 - 28/05/2025

Charity Name: LULI Int. Festival

Charity Number: 1209268

Date: 29 July 2025

Registered Address

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Charitable Objective

The LULI Int. Festival exists to promote inclusive cultural participation and enhance public wellbeing through free and accessible arts, music, and wellness programming. All activities during the reporting period were designed to deliver meaningful public benefit in alignment with these objectives.

Activities Delivered for Public Benefit

1. Festival Programming & Public Access

- Delivered a day outdoor festival in partnership with Manchester City Council, hosted in a public park with **free entry for all attendees**.
- Featured over **20 workshops, performances, and wellbeing sessions**, including music, movement, mindfulness, and creative arts.
- Programming was curated to be **inclusive, intergenerational, and culturally diverse**, supporting emotional wellbeing and community cohesion.

2. Community Engagement & Outreach

- Ran a **community choir** and live music sessions to foster social connection and creative expression.
- Operated a **community food hub** during the festival, offering meals and support to vulnerable individuals and families.

3. Volunteer & Artist Participation

- Engaged over **20 local artists, educators, and volunteers**, providing opportunities for skill-sharing, civic involvement, and professional development.
- Delivered training and support for volunteers, enhancing local capacity for arts and wellbeing delivery.

4. Fundraising & Sponsorship

- Raised funds through **individual donations, sponsor contributions, and merchandise sales** (e.g., branded festival jumpers).
- All income was reinvested into programme delivery, artist fees, and outreach services.

Challenges & Financial Context

Despite strong planning and community interest, the festival faced **severe weather conditions** during its delivery, which impacted attendance and fundraising outcomes. This contributed to a **financial deficit**, as reflected in the accounts. However, the trustees affirm that the charity delivered substantial public benefit and maintained its commitment to free, inclusive programming.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that all activities undertaken during the year were carried out in furtherance of the charity's aims and provided clear public benefit, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE



Income Summary

Income Source	Amount (£)	Notes
Individual Donations	25,000	Online and in-person giving
Sponsorship Support	15,000	Branded packages from CCC UK, Diocese

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Merchandise Sales (Jumpers)	1,500	Limited edition festival jumpers
Other Fundraising Activities	3,367	Raffles, donation-based workshops
Total Income	£44,867	

Note: The festival was **completely free to attend**, with no ticketing or registration fees. No corporate grants or large-scale merchandise sales were received.

Expenditure Summary

Category	Amount (£)	Notes
Venue Hire & Logistics	12,000	Permits, security, infrastructure
Music & Technical	10,500	Stage, sound, lighting, recording
Publicity & Printing	4,000	Posters, flyers, signage
Merchandise Production	3,800	T-shirts, CDs, jumpers (<i>partial sales</i>)
Travel & Accommodation (Guests)	8,000	Artist and speaker costs
Administration & Office	4,000	Insurance, banking, supplies
Welfare & Charity Outreach	6,500	Food hub, community support
Miscellaneous	2,500	Contingency and unclassified costs
Total Expenditure	£51,300	

Net Financial Position

Item	Amount (£)
Total Income	44,867
Total Expenditure	(51,300)
Net Deficit	£6,433
Outstanding Debt	(13,721)
Total Deficit	£20,154

Trustee Report

The trustees of the LULI Int. Festival Charity present their annual report for the year ending **28/05/2025**.

This year's festival was held in a public park provided by Manchester City Council, allowing for **free and open access** to all attendees. Despite strong community engagement and increased sponsorship support, the festival experienced **persistent rainfall across the weekend**, which impacted footfall and on-site fundraising.

The charity operated at a **total deficit of £20,154**, including outstanding liabilities. This was primarily due to fixed infrastructure costs and weather-related attendance drop. Nonetheless, the festival successfully delivered on its charitable mission, with:

- Free workshops in arts, movement, and wellbeing
- Participation from 20+ local artists, educators, and volunteers
- Outreach to underserved communities through food and support hubs
- Strong donor engagement and sponsor visibility

Recovery Plan

To address the deficit and strengthen future sustainability, the trustees are implementing:

- A post-event fundraising campaign targeting individual donors
- Grant applications for operational and outreach support
- Streamlined budgeting and contingency planning for future editions
- Expansion of community partnerships and digital engagement

The trustees remain committed to the charity's mission and express deep gratitude to all volunteers, sponsors, artists, and attendees who contributed to the festival's success.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

PHILIP ODUNWO-ALBERT



Date: 29 August 2025

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have examined the receipts and payments account of the LULI Int. Festival for the year ended 31 July 2025. Based on the records and explanations provided, I confirm that:

- The accounts are consistent with the charity's financial documentation
- The reported deficit reflects actual liabilities and obligations

- The charity has maintained appropriate financial controls and transparency

While the financial outcome is negative, the charity has demonstrated a clear recovery strategy and continues to operate in alignment with its charitable objectives.

Signed: 

Name: MICHAEL JONES (A&C)

Date: 31 July 2025