

ARTS & DISABILITY FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	20,000	-	20,000	15,000	-	15,000
Charitable activities	3	-	371,050	371,050	-	340,251	340,251
Other trading activities	4	3	354	357	92	1,100	1,192
Investments	5	660	-	660	95	299	394
Other income	6	76,433	-	76,433	30,396	2,070	32,466
Total income		97,096	371,404	468,500	45,583	343,720	389,303
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	76,378	324,403	400,781	54,155	317,835	371,990
Total expenditure		76,378	324,403	400,781	54,155	317,835	371,990
Net income		20,718	47,001	67,719	(8,572)	25,885	17,313
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	5,013	(5,013)	-
Net movement in funds	9	20,718	47,001	67,719	(3,559)	20,872	17,313
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		61,715	48,431	110,146	65,274	27,559	92,833
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		82,433	95,432	177,865	61,715	48,431	110,146

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		21,989		27,436
Current assets					
Debtors	14	11,922		17,449	
Cash at bank and in hand		220,334		212,013	
		232,256		229,462	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(63,880)		(109,252)	
Net current assets			168,376		120,210
Total assets less current liabilities			190,365		147,646
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16		(12,500)		(37,500)
Net assets excluding pension liability			177,865		110,146
Net assets			177,865		110,146

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
The funds of the company					
Restricted income funds	19		95,432		48,431
Unrestricted funds			82,433		61,715
			<u>177,865</u>		<u>110,146</u>


The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 28 November 2024


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Ms C Smyth
Director


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Ms T Carlisle
Director

Company registration number NI051776 (Northern Ireland)

ARTS & DISABILITY FORUM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Arts & Disability Forum is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Third Floor, 109-113 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1FF.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the company's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by 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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The company has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the company has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the company has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

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

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% per annum reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Santander	20,000	15,000
Grants receivable for core activities		
Santander cost of living	-	15,000
Santander general increase	20,000	-
	20,000	15,000

3 Charitable activities

	Gallery & General 2024 £	Bounce Arts Festival 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Gallery & General 2023 £	Bounce Arts Festival 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Performance related grants	332,709	11,800	344,509	353,263	8,500	361,763
Less: deferred income	31,541	(5,000)	26,541	(21,512)	-	(21,512)
	364,250	6,800	371,050	331,751	8,500	340,251
Performance related grants						
Arts Council	130,160	5,000	135,160	138,757	-	138,757
Santander Foundation	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	-	50,000
Belfast City Council	63,200	6,800	70,000	34,964	8,500	43,464
Future Screen	21,273	-	21,273	21,919	-	(21,919)
Bodyshine	19,166	-	19,166	34,201	-	(34,201)
Halifas Urban Survival	19,866	-	19,866	31,069	-	(31,069)
Heritage Lottery Architecture	-	-	-	1,272	-	(1,272)
Other	29,044	-	29,044	41,081	-	41,081
	332,709	11,800	344,509	353,263	8,500	361,763

All income from charitable activities in the current and prior year relates to restricted funds.

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Trading activity income: other	3	354	357	92	1,100	1,192
	<u>3</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,192</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Bank interest received	660	95	299	394
	<u>660</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>394</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Other income	76,433	30,396	2,070	32,466
	<u>76,433</u>	<u>30,396</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>32,466</u>

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7 Charitable activities	Gallery & Bounce Arts General		Gallery & Bounce Arts Fest		Total 2024		Gallery & Bounce Arts General		Gallery & Bounce Arts Fest		Total 2023	
	2024	£	2024	£	£	£	2023	£	2023	£	£	£
Staff costs	113,995		-		113,995		90,309		-		90,309	
Depreciation and impairment	7,046		-		7,046		7,858		-		7,858	
Artist Grant Payments	20,030		-		20,030		21,720		-		21,720	
Artists Costs	33,799		10,376		44,175		10,790		10,456		21,246	
Other charitable expenditure	158,257		25,878		184,135		184,967		12,055		197,022	
	333,127		36,254		369,381		315,644		22,511		338,155	
Share of support costs (see note 8)	27,100		-		27,100		28,325		-		28,325	
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	4,300		-		4,300		5,510		-		5,510	
	364,527		36,254		400,781		349,479		22,511		371,990	
Analysis by fund												
Unrestricted funds	76,378		-		76,378		54,155		-		54,155	
Restricted funds	288,149		36,254		324,403		295,324		22,511		317,835	
	364,527		36,254		400,781		349,479		22,511		371,990	

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8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Insurance	2,308	1,892
Printing, postage & stationery	311	419
Heat & light	971	504
Telephone	744	844
Rent	15,086	16,854
Bookkeeping	7,680	7,812
Governance costs	4,300	5,510
	<u>31,400</u>	<u>33,835</u>
Analysed between:		
Gallery & General	<u>31,400</u>	<u>33,835</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>7,046</u>	<u>7,858</u>

10 Trustees

During the current and prior years, none of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or reimbursement for expenses.

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11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	4	4
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Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	109,865	86,019
Social security costs	2,528	2,531
Other pension costs	1,602	1,759
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	113,995	90,309
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There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	31,309	30,888
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12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	127,816
Additions	1,599
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At 31 March 2024	129,415
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Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2023	100,380
Depreciation charged in the year	7,046
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At 31 March 2024	107,426
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Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	21,989
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At 31 March 2023	27,436
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14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	200	200
Prepayments and accrued income	11,722	17,249
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	11,922	17,449
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15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	952	1,869
Deferred income	38,727	77,768
Trade creditors	12,453	4,289
Other creditors	2,839	2,030
Accruals and deferred income	8,909	23,296
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	63,880	109,252
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16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income	12,500	37,500
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17 Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Other deferred income	51,227	115,268

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	38,727	77,768
Non-current liabilities	12,500	37,500
	51,227	115,268
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2023	115,268	93,756
Released from previous periods	(77,768)	-
Resources deferred in the year	13,727	21,512
Deferred income at 31 March 2024	51,227	115,268

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024 £	2023 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,602	1,759

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

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19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Movement in funds			Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Movement in funds			Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
		Income £	Expenditure £				Income £	Expenditure £			
Gallery & General	5,507	129,036	(130,442)		4,614	8,715	128,350	(75,600)		(8,853)	52,612
ACNI Equipment Grant	-	3,898	(282)		(3,616)	-	2,206	(2,575)		369	-
BCC Capacity Grant	-	-	-		-	-	50,000	(46,938)		(2,670)	392
Bounce Arts Festival	-	10,240	(22,510)		12,270	-	7,154	(36,254)		29,100	-
DFC Deaf Coms	-	-	-		-	-	22,255	(20,272)		-	1,983
Deaf & Disabled Arts Support Fund	-	25,000	(21,776)		(3,224)	-	25,000	(17,819)		(2,200)	4,981
Yes We Are In!	-	1,222	-		(1,222)	-	-	-		-	-
HLF Heritage Lottery Grant	6,094	1,272	(680)		(6,686)	-	-	-		-	-
Halifax	-	-	-		-	-	4,825	(4,433)		1,500	1,892
Organisations Emergency Programme	2,463	3,463	(2,272)		(3,654)	-	-	-		-	-
BCC Cluster Partnership Fund	877	3,014	(3,891)		-	-	-	-		-	-
Craft In	3,193	3,935	(6,229)		(899)	-	-	-		-	-
USK B Council	-	36,016	(36,016)		-	-	19,866	(15,742)		52	4,176
Santander UK Foundation	9,425	50,000	(44,075)		(1,397)	13,953	50,000	(46,301)		-	17,652
EASNI	-	2,000	(1,669)		(331)	-	-	(3,945)		3,945	-
Body Shine EU Fund	-	22,800	(13,205)		-	9,595	19,166	(6,789)		(21,972)	-
Awards for all	-	10,000	(7,261)		(800)	1,939	10,000	(10,868)		500	1,571
Artist residency	-	6,905	-		-	6,905	(691)	(6,406)		192	-
Future Screens Grant	-	21,919	(14,595)		-	7,324	21,273	(18,424)		-	10,173
Blue Print	-	13,000	(12,932)		(68)	-	12,000	(12,037)		37	-
	27,559	343,720	(317,835)		(5,013)	48,431	371,404	(324,403)		-	95,432

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20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	61,715	97,096	(76,378)	-	82,433
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	65,274	45,583	(54,155)	5,013	61,715

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	1,967	20,022	21,989
Current assets/(liabilities)	80,466	87,910	168,376
Long term liabilities	-	(12,500)	(12,500)
	82,433	95,432	177,865
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 March 2023:			
Tangible assets	6,051	21,385	27,436
Current assets/(liabilities)	55,664	64,546	120,210
Long term liabilities	-	(37,500)	(37,500)
	61,715	48,431	110,146

22 Contingent liabilities

A portion of grants received may become repayable if the charity fails to comply with the terms of the letter of offer.

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23 Explanatory notes to the funds

Unrestricted funds

General fund

This fund is expendable at the discretion of the directors. It is used to finance capital investment and working capital. As anticipated in recent years, the level of funding received continues to fluctuate. The general fund will therefore be essential to finance working capital and ensure that the charity can continue its activities in the short term and fulfil its legal responsibilities to employees and creditors.

Restricted funds

Gallery and General Running Costs

Principal funding received from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland's Annual Support for Organisations programme. This is for a pre-agreed programme of activity. Mainly funding designated to general running costs, staffing and atypical gallery costs. Atypical is the only gallery of its kind in Ireland, dedicated to showcasing artwork produced by disabled artists. Funding covers installation costs, exhibition promotion, material, access and communication support, information in alternative formats.

The Ireland Funds

Grant sourced from the Ireland Reconnection Fund to assist with core cost incurred for developing capacity and organisation sustainability aiming to extend programme impact and reach to new diverse audiences on an all-island basis.

ACNI Health and Safety Capital Programme

Awarded to assist arts organisations reopen creative spaces safely by funding the purchasing of equipment and/or minor works required to address health and safety issues created as a result of the pandemic or that have been an outstanding maintenance issue.

In recent years due to uncertainty of securing festival grant income for the Bounce Arts Festival these funds have also been allocatable to augment programming costs for the 2023 festival.

Belfast City Council

The two-year Cultural Multi-annual Grant from the Belfast City Council, supports the comprehensive programme of activity to Deaf disabled and neuro-diverse people including exhibitions, performances, artists talks, virtual gallery and studio tours. Alongside Belfast City Council Festival Grant designated to support Bounce Festival 2022. Funding sourced from Belfast City Council Capacity Grant to facilitate Staffing and programme development to extend outreach and impact of the programme over a 2 year period.

Deaf disabled Artists Support Fund (DDASF) Grant Scheme

Arts Council of Northern Ireland(ACNI) award sustains the practical support dedicated to increasing skills, experience and opportunities for disabled artists living in Northern Ireland and working in any art form. Finance support is distributed by University of Atypical on behalf of funding partners to compliment the Arts Council's own funding schemes to support individual non-disabled artists. Grant decisions are made by an independent panel, of UofA Trustees and individuals with relevant expertise and overseen by an Arts Council representative.

Halifax Foundation

Award for a new Career Advisor support scheme, to offer practical support initiative for artists.

Urban Survival Kits

EU funding for the Urban Survival Kits programme; UofA was lead partner on a trans-national learning initiative exploring how Adults With Disabilities (AWD), and neurodiversity, can be supported with their local, national and international travel needs. USK builds on the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and removes barriers in physical infrastructure; accessibility of information, and creates effective communication tools.

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24 Explanatory notes to the funds (continued)

Santander UK Foundation LTD

Three year Funding programme from Santander UK Foundation Ltd supports 'Digital Horizon' a professional development initiative; aiming to create opportunities for d/Deaf, Disabled and Neurodiversity artists pursue new ambitions through the use of digital technology to assist them throughout their career.

Body Shine

This EU partnership grant addresses the act of body shaming. Through an international programme of activities, programme participants are supported to reflect on societal and fashion influences through art, society, cultural knowledge. Equipping people with the confidence to accept themselves and the "diversity" of others

Awards for All

Community Fund Grant for a volunteer training programme focusing on enabling people with Disabilities and Deaf Community to learn new skills and engage with their peers and community. Aiming to formalise and support UofA volunteers through a robust programme of training and practical support.

Artist in Residence Fund

This represents project funds secured from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland for a visual arts residency and exhibition at the Atypical Gallery

Future Screens NI Covid19 Recovery Programme

Ulster University -DFC partnership grant, designated for a new Access and Inclusion Assistant post as part of a three-year award for an Employment and Skills Initiative, aiming to address labour market barriers faced by individuals due to the pandemic and with a particular focus on job roles to boost the Arts Sector.

Blue Print

Financial support secured from an ARTS and Business. This capacity building programme aims to support small arts organisations invest in the development of innovative income generation strategies. UofA Proposal to Blueprint will focus on the new Ledger Studio and EASI (equality access standards initiative) aiming to strengthen long-term financial sustainability.

Transfers

During the year the charity made transfers between restricted funds. The transfers were necessary to cover deficits arising on certain funds. Income received to the Gallery & General fund included contributions to Office & Admin costs within the charity's premises.

25 Conduit Funding

Arts & Disability Forum is responsible for receiving and distributing funds on behalf of British Council for the Urban Survival Kits project. During the year £28,403 was received and distributed and no balance was held in relation to these monies at 31 March 2024.

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26 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	45,342	45,342
Between two and five years	-	45,342
	<u>45,342</u>	<u>90,684</u>

27 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).