Farset Labs

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102754

Details

Known as	FSL
Status	Received
Registered	2016-06-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the company are the education of the public in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) and the provision of community accessible workspaces to facilitate STEAM outreach and education in Northern Ireland, primarily focused in the Belfast area.

What the charity does: The advancement of education,The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Community development,Community enterprise,Education/training,Volunteer development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£62,977	£57,175	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Artemiy Knipe		
Mr Colin Robert Mitchell		
Mr Robert Paul		

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Farset Labs

Charity No. 102754

Company No. NI611278

Trustee's Report and Unaudited Accounts

28 February 2025

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Trustees Annual Report

The trustee, who is also a director of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, presents their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. NI611278

Charity No. 102754

Registered Office

Unit 1 Weavers Court
Linfield Road
Belfast
BT12 5GH

Director and Trustee
The Director of the charitable company are its Trustee for the purposes of charity law.
The following Director and Trustee served during the year:

R. Paul

Accountants

OBoyle Accounting & Tax Ltd
4 Bingham Street
Bangor
BT20 5DW

The Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

R. Paul
Trustee
28 February 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 28 February 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	4	3,296	3,296	5,886
Charitable activities	5	38,936	38,936	31,730
Other trading activities	6	20,745	20,745	23,870
Other	7	-	-	5,856
Total		62,977	62,977	67,342
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	8	2,343	2,343	4,547
Charitable activities	9	1,026	1,026	278
Other	10	53,806	53,806	65,357
Total		57,175	57,175	70,182
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	11	5,802	5,802	(2,840)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		5,802	5,802	(2,840)
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		5,802	5,802	(2,840)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		(13,504)	(13,504)	(10,664)
Total funds carried forward		(7,702)	(7,702)	(13,504)

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Summary Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 28 February 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income	62,977	67,342
Gross income for the year	62,977	67,342
Expenditure	54,748	68,186
Depreciation and charges for impairment of fixed assets	2,427	1,996
Total expenditure for the year	57,175	70,182
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the year	5,802	(2,840)
Net income /(expenditure)for the year	5,802	(2,840)

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Balance Sheet

at 28 February 2025

Company No. NI611278	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	910	3,337
		910	3,337
Current assets			
Stocks	14	1,141	1,265
Debtors	15	7,389	4,141
Cash at bank and in hand		2,267	13,654
		10,797	19,060
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	16	(19,409)	(35,901)
Net current liabilities		(8,612)	(16,841)
Total assets less current liabilities		(7,702)	(13,504)
Net liabilities excluding pension asset or liability		(7,702)	(13,504)
Total net liabilities		(7,702)	(13,504)
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	17		
Unrestricted funds	17		
General funds		(7,702)	(13,504)
		(7,702)	(13,504)
Reserves	17		
Total funds		(7,702)	(13,504)

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
For the year ended 28 February 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to åccounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 28 February 2025

And signed ~~on its~~ behalf by:

R. Paul
Trustee
28 February 2025

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Statement of Cash flows

for the year ended 28 February 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) per Statement of Financial Activities	5,802	(2,840)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,427	-
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	124	(1,265)
Increase in trade and other receivables	(3,248)	(4,141)
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	(16,492)	35,901
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(11,387)	21,799
Net cash from investing activities	-	5,856
Net cash from financing activities	-	-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(11,387)	27,655
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	13,654	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2,267	27,655
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	2,267	13,654
	2,267	13,654

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.
Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.
All exchange differences are are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.
Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.
Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation.
Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.
Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.
In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	5,886	5,886
Charitable activities	31,730	31,730
Other trading activities	23,870	23,870
Other	5,856	5,856
Total	67,342	67,342
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	4,547	4,547
Charitable activities	278	278
Other	65,357	65,357
Total	70,182	70,182
Net income	(2,840)	(2,840)
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(2,840)	(2,840)
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	(2,840)	(2,840)
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	(10,664)	(10,664)
Total funds carried forward	(13,504)	(13,504)

4 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	3,296	3,296	5,886
	3,296	3,296	5,886

5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Events Income	3,570	3,570	3,461
Membership	35,366	35,366	27,744
Programme Support Income	-	-	525
	38,936	38,936	31,730

6 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Desk Rental & Hire Income	20,430	20,430	17,205
Sales	315	315	6,665
	20,745	20,745	23,870

7 Other income

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Other Revenue	-	5,856
	-	5,856

8 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Costs of generating voluntary income			
Advertising & Marketing	36	36	143
Fundraising trading costs			
Direct Expenses	124	124	472
Events Expenses	671	671	2,320
Tuck Shop Expenses	1,512	1,512	1,612
	2,343	2,343	4,547

9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Programme Expenses	1,026	1,026	278
Governance costs			
	1,026	1,026	278

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Petty cash write off	-	-	1,375
Premises costs	43,008	43,008	53,889
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	2,427	2,427	1,996
General administrative costs	6,810	6,810	6,278
Legal and professional costs	1,561	1,561	1,819
	53,806	53,806	65,357

11 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

	2025	2024
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	2,427	1,996

12 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 March 2024	9,746	3,707	13,453
At 28 February 2025	9,746	3,707	13,453
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 March 2024	6,887	3,229	10,116
Depreciation charge for the year	1,949	478	2,427
At 28 February 2025	8,836	3,707	12,543
Net book values			
At 28 February 2025	910	-	910
At 29 February 2024	2,859	478	3,337

14 Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	1,141	1,265
	1,141	1,265

15 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,389	4,141
	7,389	4,141

16 **Creditors:**
amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,627	27,299
Loans from trustees	4,515	3,015
Other creditors	-	4,320
Accruals	1,267	1,267
	19,409	35,901

17 **Movement in funds**

	At 1 March 2024	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 28 February 2025
		£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	(13,504)	62,977	(57,175)	(7,702)
Total funds	(13,504)	62,977	(57,175)	(7,702)

18 **Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets	910	910
Net current assets	(8,612)	(8,612)
	(7,702)	(7,702)

19 **Reconciliation of net debt**

	At 1 March 2024	Cash flows	At 28 February 2025
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	13,654	(11,387)	2,267
	13,654	(11,387)	2,267
Net debt	13,654	(11,387)	2,267

20 **Related party disclosures**
Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 28 February 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Donations	3,296	3,296	5,886
	3,296	3,296	5,886
Charitable activities			
Events Income	3,570	3,570	3,461
Membership	35,366	35,366	27,744
Programme Support Income	-	-	525
	38,936	38,936	31,730
Other trading activities			
Desk Rental & Hire Income	20,430	20,430	17,205
Sales	315	315	6,665
	20,745	20,745	23,870
Other			
Other Revenue	-	-	5,856
	-	-	5,856
Total income and endowments	62,977	62,977	67,342
Expenditure on:			
Costs of generating donations and legacies			
Advertising & Marketing	36	36	143
	36	36	143
Costs of other trading activities			
Direct Expenses	124	124	472
Events Expenses	671	671	2,320
Tuck Shop Expenses	1,512	1,512	1,612
	2,307	2,307	4,404
Total of expenditure on raising funds	2,343	2,343	4,547
Charitable activities			
Programme Expenses	1,026	1,026	278
	1,026	1,026	278
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	1,026	1,026	278
Other expenditure			
Petty cash write off	-	-	1,375
	-	-	1,375
Premises costs			

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Rent	36,867	36,867	48,009
Light, heat and power	3,930	3,930	2,703
Premises cleaning	2,211	2,211	3,052
Premises repairs and maintenance	-	-	125
	43,008	43,008	53,889
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Depreciation of	2,427	2,427	1,996
Bank charges	813	813	598
General insurances	1,210	1,210	2,214
Postage and couriers	-	-	9
Software, IT support and related costs	2,454	2,454	3,300
Stationery and printing	24	24	3
Subscriptions	24	24	-
Sundry expenses	2,285	2,285	154
	9,237	9,237	8,274
Legal and professional costs			
Audit/Independent examination fees	1,561	1,561	1,819
	1,561	1,561	1,819
Total of expenditure of other costs	53,806	53,806	65,357
Total expenditure	57,175	57,175	70,182
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	5,802	5,802	(2,840)
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	5,802	5,802	(2,840)
Other Gains	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	5,802	5,802	(2,840)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	(13,504)	(13,504)	(10,664)
Total funds carried forward	(7,702)	(7,702)	(13,504)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Farset Labs
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Farset Labs for the year ended 28 February 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed: on behalf of O'Boyle Accounting .... Date: 4/2/2026
Name and Position Gerry O Boyle, Managing Director

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	11,885	-	11,885	7,753	-	7,753
Charitable activities	**4**	525	-	525	3,500	-	3,500
Other trading activities	**5**	52,826	-	52,826	35,886	-	35,886
Other income	**6**	665	-	665	-	-	-
Total income		65,901	-	65,901	47,139	-	47,139
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**7**	2,083	-	2,083	1,147	-	1,147
Charitable activities	**8**	66,782	-	66,782	57,406	-	57,406
Other material expenditure		-	7,500	7,500	-	-	-
Total expenditure		68,865	7,500	76,365	58,553	-	58,553
Net expenditure		(2,964)	(7,500)	(10,464)	(11,414)	-	(11,414)
Transfers between funds		7,500	-	7,500	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**10**	4,536	(7,500)	(2,964)	(11,414)	-	(11,414)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 March 2023		(18,039)	7,500	(10,539)	(6,625)	7,500	875
Fund balances at 28 February 2024		(13,503)	-	(13,503)	(18,039)	7,500	(10,539)

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 28 FEBRUARY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		3,337		5,319
Current assets					
Stocks	15	1,265		-	
Debtors	16	4,141		2,441	
Cash at bank and in hand		13,835		15,323	
		19,241		17,764	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(36,081)		(33,622)	
Net current liabilities			(16,840)		(15,858)
Total assets less current liabilities			(13,503)		(10,539)
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	19		-		7,500
Unrestricted funds	20		(13,503)		(18,039)
			(13,503)		(10,539)

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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 ...11/02/2025......

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Mr Artemiy Knipe
Trustee

Company registration number NI611278 (Northern Ireland)

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Farset Labs is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Unit 1 Weavers Court, Linfield Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT12 5GH, Northern Ireland.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

As noted within our reserves policy, the charity has a deficit general reserves position of £13,503 at 28 February 2024. The Trustees are managing cash flow of the charity to ensure that it is able to pay liabilities as they fall due. During 2024/25, the charity saw an increase in the level of membership from 87 members to 105 by January 2025, this increase sees a return to pre-Covid levels. It is the Trustees expectation that the charity will reach 130 members, an optimum level to support the reserves policy, by 28 February 2026. The Trustees are also seeking sponsorship and paid events to help boost incoming resources. At this date, the Trustees are satisfied that they have plans in place to manage cash flow for the foreseeable future, and a period of at lease 12 months from the date of approval of these 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.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity 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.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts.

1.5 Expenditure

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.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the advancement of education and activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs;

- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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:

Plant and equipment	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	20% Straight Line

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 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity 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 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.9 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.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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 charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	11,885	7,753

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Performance related grants	525	3,500

Performance related grants		
Programme support Income	525	3,500
	525	3,500

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Non-charitable trading activities	13,615	14,400
Membership subscriptions and sponsorships	32,284	17,389
Fundraising events	6,927	4,097
Other trading activities	52,826	35,886

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	665	-

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Trading costs		
Purchases	2,083	1,147
	2,083	1,147

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestrcited Funds 2024 £	Unrestrcited Funds 2023 £
Direct costs		
Programme Expenses	2,598	1,457
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Support	62,365	54,347
Governance	1,819	1,602
	66,782	57,406
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	66,782	57,406

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	1,996	1,996
Premises Expenses	56,103	50,591
IT Software and Consumables	3,298	775
Advertising & Marketing	143	81
Bank Fees	668	480
General Expenses	157	424
Governance costs	1,819	1,602
	64,184	55,949
Analysed between:		
Unrestrcited Funds	64,184	55,949

	2024	2023
Governance costs comprise:	£	£
Accountancy	1,819	1,602
	1,819	1,602

10 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,996	1,996

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

13 Taxation

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

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 March 2023	9,746	1,351	2,356	13,453
At 28 February 2024	9,746	1,351	2,356	13,453
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 March 2023	5,281	1,242	1,597	8,120
Depreciation charged in the year	1,606	53	337	1,996
At 28 February 2024	6,887	1,295	1,934	10,116
Carrying amount				
At 28 February 2024	2,859	56	422	3,337
At 28 February 2023	4,465	109	745	5,319

15 Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	1,265	-

16 Debtors

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	**£**
Trade debtors	4,141	2,441

17 Loans and overdrafts

	2024	2023
	£	**£**
Directors' loans	3,015	-
Payable within one year	3,015	-

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

		2024	2023
	Notes	**£**	**£**
Borrowings		3,015	-
Deferred income		4,320	6,000
Trade creditors		27,479	21,895
Other creditors		-	4,460
Accruals		1,267	1,267
		36,081	33,622

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.

	At 1 March 2023	Resources expended	At 28 February 2024
	£	£	£
	7,500	(7,500)	-

During the year the trustees transferred funds of £7,500 that were spent in previous financial years in relation to University of Ulster- Future Screens NI.

Previous year:	At 1 March 2022	Resources expended	At 28 February 2023
	£	£	£
University of Ulster - Future Screens NI	7,500	-	7,500

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 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 28 February 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	(18,039)	65,901	(68,865)	7,500	(13,503)

Previous year:	At 1 March 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 28 February 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	(6,625)	47,139	(58,553)	-	(18,039)

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 28 February 2024:			
Tangible assets	3,337	-	3,337
Current assets/(liabilities)	(16,840)	-	(16,840)
	(13,503)	-	(13,503)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 28 February 2023:			
Tangible assets	5,319	-	5,319
Current assets/(liabilities)	(23,358)	7,500	(15,858)
	(18,039)	7,500	(10,539)

22 Related party transactions

There was one disclosable related party transaction during the year. A trustee provided a bridge loan of £3,000. This amount is repayable on demand and will incur no interest. (2023- None).

Farset Labs

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102754

Annual report

Farset Labs
Annual Report
1st March 2023 - 28th February 2024

The Board of Trustees (who are also Directors for company law purposes) present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Public Benefit Report

The objects of Farset Labs are the **education of the public in STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) and the **provision of community accessible workspaces to facilitate STEAM outreach and education** in Northern Ireland, primarily focused in the Belfast area.

Objective and Activities

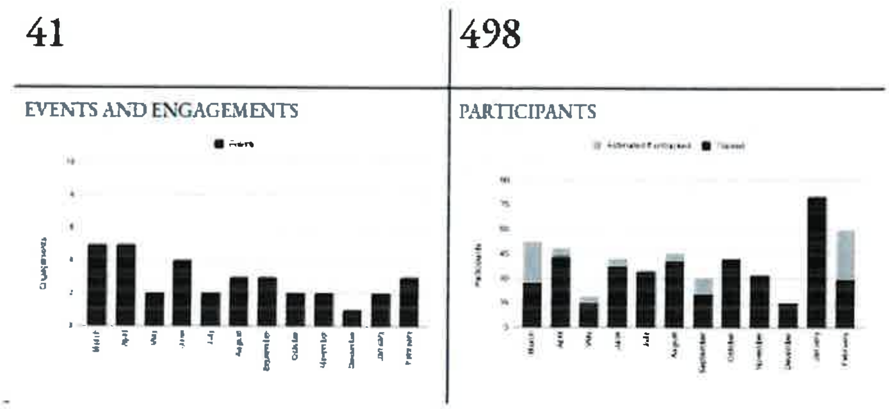
The organisation's beneficiaries are **people within and around the Greater Belfast Area** who can access the organisation's facilities, **who have an interest in STEAM** topics but may not have access to the required resources or space to grow their knowledge and experience. These include but are not restricted to children, young people, students, researchers, professionals, underemployed and entrepreneurs. The promotional purpose is primarily but not exclusively aimed at children and young people, as well as indirectly bene ting their families, teachers and schools through increased relationships and sharing of best practices for making STEAM engaging and exciting for the beneficiaries.

Statement of due regard to the Public Benefit Requirement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Achievements and Performance

EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC



Farset Labs organised and facilitated **41 engagements** promoting STEAM, with key programmes being **Maker Night**, **Coder Dojo** and **Global Game Jam**. We estimate a total of **498 participants** signed up to take part across these engagements.

The direct benefits of the promotion of STEAM education, entrepreneurship, and experimentation include introducing beneficiaries to STEAM elds with immersive and exciting outreach and education programmes driven by practitioners in their respective elds.

These programmes lead to a higher level of interest in STEAM, increasing overall quality of life, and understanding of the modern world, whether beneficiaries continue in a STEAM eld or not. The impact of STEAM promotion and outreach is well established, but its impacts are long term; increased uptake in STEAM subjects at higher education, increase in employment and activity in the knowledge sector, leading to higher overall productivity and quality of life, again supported by work done.

Maker Night

Maker Night is a monthly event introducing anyone with an interest to the joy (and technicalities) of making. Each month up to 20 people are introduced to our **high-tech community workshop** equipped with a range of 3D printers, CNC machines, electronics, and much more geared for **prototyping and learning**.

Participants leave the evening with foundational knowledge to begin the journey of self-directed learning and prototyping. Often, participants become members and continue using the workshop throughout the year. Some people even go on to teach others in future Maker Night evenings.

Coder Dojo

Coder Dojo is a global volunteer-led movement of free, open **coding clubs for young people** aged 7 to 17. Each month, we invite up to 10 young people to come along and learn through making games, trying projects, and having fun with technology. We link in some of the high-tech machinery in our workshop that many families wouldn't be able to access, even through school.

Participants do technical **hands-on projects** that they enjoy (and trick them into a bit of self-driven learning). Sometimes, bringing their friends and family to do it together. Young people from our Coder Dojo do all sorts of things later in life, not always technology related. However, some are now volunteering in similar programmes such as the **Northern Ireland Raspberry Jam**, teaching future generations.

Global Game Jam

Global Game Jam is the world's largest game creating event taking place around the globe, boasting tens of thousands of participants. Anyone interested in **making a game** can sign up, and join a team at the jam. The goal is to make a game from scratch in one weekend. Often, with a group of strangers who become teammates.

This year, we continued to partner with **NIGDN**, the local game developers network, to make it happen. Our site in Belfast has been running for over a decade. Usually it is the only site in Northern Ireland open to anyone, without restriction on who can take part.

Participants of the jam at Farset Labs have gone on to create **hundreds of games** over the years. After the jam, some have continued to form **friendships**, and even taken their prototypes all the way to **releasing the games**, made in Northern Ireland.

COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE WORKSPACES

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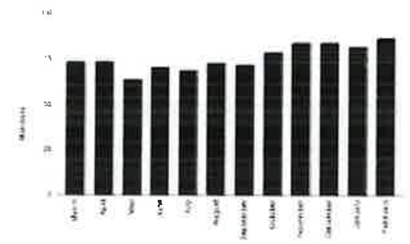
MEMBERS



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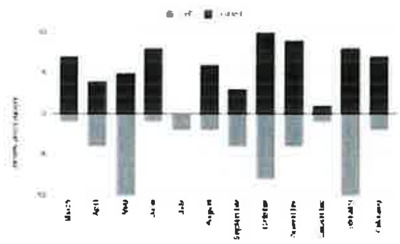

This year Farset Labs grew to **87 members**, with a continuing re-growth of membership since the signing cant downsize during the global pandemic. The need for accessible facilities has grown with the increased cost of living, and people are seeking like minded communities after being isolated. This was true last year, and continues to be the case.

Farset Labs is a community funded and volunteer operated space, opened in 2012 as a place for creativity and technological tinkering. Similar spaces around the world function as centres for peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing, offering a chance to learn and socialise side by side. They are open communities for people to come together, share resources, share knowledge and make things together. This approach of building a community around learning, making and sharing with 24/7 access to resources creates opportunities uncommon in Northern Ireland.

The facilities are operated by members themselves, which creates a sense of ownership, community and belonging. Often, members run self-driven initiatives that support the aims of the charity, and improve the space. The space is accessible 24/7, which allows people who can't take part in typical educational programmes, such as those designed for students or professionals, to be part of something, too. This results in frequent use of the facilities during irregular hours by people pursuing their interests in STEAM outside of formal education and careers.

Our key goal is to give people accessible facilities to get together and pursue their interests in STEAM. This has contributed to the founding of STEAM focused non-pro ts by members of the hackerspace such as **Northern Ireland Raspberry Jam** and **NIDC**. The cluster of enthusiastic people creates an environment where barriers to create communities of practice are low, and the support for them to succeed is high.

This year, we directly supported 7 groups including Belfast Ruby, PyBelfast, InfoSec NI, and provided many others with the facilities through membership.

Restrictions on who can benefit

Farset Labs runs a range of events and programmes open to all members of the public, including children, young people and adults. However, only those 18+ can become members and gain independent 24/7 access to the facilities.

Private Benefits

Trustees that represent the charity gain experience that can aid their future employment prospects. In some cases, they receive reasonable financial compensation for expenses related to activities exclusively in line with the purposes of the organisation. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefits of the organisation are provided to our beneficiaries.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) shows the extent of and movement in, all charitable funds differentiating between restricted funds (monies provided for specific purposes) and unrestricted funds (monies that can be applied to any charitable objectives within the organisation's objectives).

Total Incoming resources for the year were £65,901 (2023: £47,139). Total expenditure for the year was £76,365 (2023: £58,553). Total funds of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2024 were in deficit by £13,503 (2023: deficit £10,539). Restricted funds were £nil at year end (2023: £7,500). Unrestricted funds at the year-end were in deficit and totalled £13,503 (2023: deficit £18,039).

FINANCIAL RESERVES POLICY

In the interest of Farset Labs continuing on a multi-annual basis, the Board has agreed to establish and maintain an operational reserve to ensure long-term stability of operations, and potentially providing bridges for unexpected upstream costs. The Trustees reassess their reserves policy annually.

GENERAL RESERVES

The organisation aims to retain at least 6 months core running costs (Rent/Service Charge/Electricity/Heating etc) to provide resilience against revenue or upstream cost variations. This is approximated to be £30,000.

During the pandemic, the charity experienced a fall in membership resulting in declining fixed income streams. This led to the Charity's general reserves falling into deficit. At 28 February 2024, the charity did not have any free reserves given their deficit position. The Board are managing cash flow and have plans to see the charity rebuild its reserves over a period of 24 months. All trustees are responsible for monitoring for breaches, or risks of breaches to, this reserves policy, and take measures to remediate this breach, and to record the observation and response, and any further action/monitoring to be completed.

Mitigation of Harm

Health and Safety in the Workshop

The organisation conducted risk assessments for equipment available in the workshop and implemented an induction requirement. There have been no accidents reported during this period.

Child Safeguarding

The organisation regularly reviews the child safeguarding procedures to keep them in line with best practice and ensures events involving children are conducted in line with the organisation's policies. There have been no safeguarding incidents reported during this period.

Going Concern

As noted within our reserves policy, the charity has a deficit general reserves position of £13,503 at 28 February 2024. The Trustees are managing cash flow of the charity to ensure that it is able to pay liabilities as they fall due. During 2024/25, the charity saw an increase in the level of membership from 87 members to 105 by January 2025, this increase sees a return to pre-Covid levels. It is the Trustees expectation that the charity will reach 130 members, an optimum level to support the reserves policy, by 28 February 2026. The Trustees are also seeking sponsorship and paid events to help boost incoming resources. At this date, the Trustees are satisfied that they have plans in place to manage cash flow for the foreseeable future, and a period of at lease 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Governance

Structure, Governance and Management

Farset Labs is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Articles of Association (last updated 13th May 2016). It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

The trustees meet quarterly, and collaborate digitally between meetings.

The core operations are carried out by a management team made up of members of the hackerspace in a voluntary, non-remunerated capacity, with stewardship by the chairperson.

Trustee Appointment

The trustees are appointed by a quorum of existing trustees at a board meeting.

In practice, appointment is predicated by an election open to members of the hackerspace. Any member can self-nominate to be a candidate and all members can participate in voting.

FARSET LABS

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors of Farset Labs for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNATURES

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 11th February 2025.

Mr Artemiy Knipe	Mr Robert Paul
Trustee	**Trustee**
11 February 2025	11th February 2025

Farset Labs

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102754

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FARSET LABS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FARSET LABS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Farset Labs (the charity) for the year ended 28 February 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008 (Northern Ireland) (the 2008 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Teresa Campbell

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Dated: 11/02/25

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Purpose, Beneficiaries and Public Benefits

Farset Labs exists to empower members of the general public to pursue interests in STEAM by providing an accessible workspace, and educating children, youth and adults. Our goal is to cultivate a diverse community of enthusiasts with a wide range of skills across STEAM disciplines.

Beneficiaries of our charity are primarily people living in or visiting Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Public benefits are evidenced by a sustained community of members, long term participants in our educational programmes and frequent usage of our facilities by community groups.

Ongoing collaboration of our membership and community groups on projects, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and other engagements such as formation of social clubs confirms the positive impact of our community development investments.

Over the years, our facilities have served as a propagation ground for the founding of several community groups by our members that have grown to deliver a positive impact in advancement of education and community development in Northern Ireland.

Cases of benefit to entrepreneurship and employability have been demonstrated through creation of new companies by our members, and by employment of participants in our educational programmes and members.

Emergence of volunteers from our membership base for charitable activities within our organisation and externally affirms success of our volunteer development activities.

Impact of our activities is validated by feedback from the people whose lives were positively impacted by using our facilities, participation in events and membership in the community.

Significant bodies such as NESTA, STEMNET, the Northern Ireland Science Park, Queen's University Belfast, Ulster University, Tibus Connect and Intel Ireland have also shown recognition of the impact of our organisation.

Activities, Objectives and Achievements

Farset Labs runs a hackerspace; a community-operated workspace where people with common interests, primarily in STEAM, can meet, socialise and collaborate. It serves as our base of operations for charitable activities and delivery of the organisation's objectives.

Our objectives support each other in a symbiotic relationship to advance education, art, and science as well as investing in community development.

Our objectives are:

1. To provide an accessible workspace for promotion of STEAM activities of individuals, community groups and organisations.
2. To educate children, youth and adults in STEAM subjects by coaching self-education, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and project-based learning.
3. To cultivate a diverse community of enthusiasts in our membership with varying experience levels, individual perspectives and a wide range of skills across STEAM disciplines.

Education of Children, Youth and Adults
Education for the general public in STEAM is key to sustainable, long term benefits for our beneficiaries, where we concentrate on coaching self-education, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and project-based learning.

New resources were set up by Farset Labs to make engaging programmes online possible, including chat, live streaming and a physical base of operations with technical capabilities.

Programmes
Education programmes are events and engagements organised by the charity and are operated by volunteers. Our programmes aim to educate people through hands-on projects with real world outcomes, and to connect people with shared interests.

In this reporting period, Farset Labs ran 3 educational programmes with 11 individual engagements, all of which were delivered by volunteers: Hack Night, Password Night and Global Game Jam. An estimated total of 106 people took part in our programmes this year.

Children and Youth
Our primary programme for children and youth is Farset Dojo; a regular coding and electronics club for under 18s, which is typically attended by a diverse cohort of children and youth from the local community.

Farset Dojo and other programmes aimed at children and youth were put on pause for the safety of attendees in line with government guidance.

Adults
Global Game Jam at Farset Labs is considered by many to be a jewel in the crown of the NI Technology & Design calendar. Our charity organises a site for Belfast as part of a global hackathon which brings thousands of developers, designers, artists and makers across hundreds of sites across the world to build games. In lockdown we mobilised to run it online bringing together 56 jammers to create 10 games within 2 days.

Hack Night themes ranged from building an electronic locking system that integrates with our membership database to celebrating pride month by decorating our charity's website, where participants learned by doing. An estimate of 40 attendees took part over the course of 8 events.

Password Night aimed to educate people on online privacy and security, with attendees walking away being more secure by the end of the night. Over the course of this programme 10 people took part and improved their online privacy & security. Additionally, instructions for anyone in the world to run their own Password Night was created and are available for free online.

Accessible Workspace for STEAM Activities

Community accessible workspaces to facilitate STEAM outreach and education in Northern Ireland is one of our core contributions to public benefit.

Farset Labs is locally unique in providing **24/7/365 access** to an event space, communal workspace, technical library, modern high-tech workshop and other facilities for our beneficiaries.

Our ability to provide this benefit was significantly restrained by the global pandemic, given that we provide access primarily to physical facilities. In line with government guidance, we closed our facilities for a major part of the year, and reopened access with a 5-step plan.

Community Groups

Community groups use our facilities free of charge provided they are using them for activities that align with our charitable purposes and don't charge people for participation.

Farset Labs supported 2 communities organised by local volunteers to run 3 engagements for advancement of education, arts, culture and science, all of which were open to the general public free of charge. Supported events were attended primarily by adults, directly reaching an estimate of 30 total attendees from the general public with indirect wider impact.

Individuals

Individuals use our facilities by coming to free events, buying a visitor pass, or subscribing for a monthly membership. However, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and can't subscribe for a monthly membership.

Farset Labs provided an estimate of **50-75 members** with access to our communal facilities for project-based learning, collaboration and general use at the individual's discretion.
Visitors were not able to use the physical facilities until 7th of September 2020, but engaged on our online forums.

On a typical week, the space is used on all 7 days during the day and night as people come in when it suits their needs, often working around their job schedules. In a typical year, our facilities are used almost 365 days a year. However, this year we have seen significantly lower use of the facilities.

Importantly, our members are the core volunteers in our charitable activities, core source of sustainable income for the charity, and core contributors to maintenance and operation of the facilities.

Supporting Education

Our facilities enable individuals to take on otherwise inaccessible projects. Getting equipment for manufacturing or obtaining electronics for exploring a technology is predicated with a financial investment that can stop an idea in its tracks.

By pooling finances we significantly improve the accessibility to these resources and open the doors to a wide range of new opportunities in project-based learning for our beneficiaries.

Supporting Collaboration

Sharing resources and engaging in project-based learning are the backbone of collaboration between our beneficiaries. Learning to work with the same equipment as those around you encourages people to exchange knowledge and ideas, fostering a culture of peer-to-peer teaching and learning.

Collaborations between visitors, members and our charity have resulted in new projects, skill exchanges and a sense of community.

Supporting Community, Operations and Governance

Our charity is operated by volunteers, including the day to day of management of our building. It is made possible by visitors and members that spend their time in the space. Shared responsibility is assumed by people in our community and each member is empowered to enact change by our philosophy of do-ocracy.

Governance of the charity is tied to the needs of the members who collectively finance the charity. A monthly community "Town Hall" is held where members can raise issues, propose changes and make requests, including voting on candidates that wish to become Trustees.

Governance

Farset Labs is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Articles of Association (last updated 13th May 2016), and it is a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure
The core operations of Farset Labs are administered by the board of Trustees, currently numbered at 4. The board normally meets quarterly, and also corresponds digitally between meetings to collaborate and track development, outreach, education, finance, operations and facilities on an ad hoc basis.

The wider operation of the organisation is managed in collaboration with a team of Non-Executive Managers (NEMs) to whom the Trustees have delegated vertically
integrated interests in several specific fields of operation. These roles are governed under a separate document termed the Operations Manual.

Developments
In the reporting period, we formalised the structure of our Board of Trustees and assigned specific Chair, Secretary and Treasurer positions. Currently, we are iterating on the responsibilities of each role in an ongoing discussion to ensure we meet general and specific needs of our charity.

Trustee Appointment Policy
From the governing document, the appointment of Directors to Farset Labs is legally provisioned under clause 17 (1) a whereby additional directors are appointed assent of the current quorum of directors, however, in a practical sense this appointment is predicated on an open nomination/election in the community (as an extraordinary meeting), whereby any member of the community can self-nominate for an open run-off election where by at least 50% of the current membership must participate, and within valid candidates there must be a clear majority of support for a given candidate, for the directors to accept the election as a valid expression of support.

New trustees undergo several orientation sessions with the current trustees, and are instructed in the review of relevant legal obligations and statutes relevant to company law, the charities commission guidance on public benefit, and clarify, if necessary, the contents and spirit of the Articles of Association; the management and decision-making processes within the organisation, any non-public operational plans, and recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Remuneration Policy for Related Parties and Organisations
None of our trustees receive remuneration or other incidental benefit from their work with the charity.

Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity to a donor/vendor/sponsor or other collaborating agency must be disclosed to both the board of trustees as part of the trustee nomination policy, and to the wider community as part of their self-nomination. Any changes in their respective professional circumstances must be reported to the full board of trustees at their earliest convenience.

In the current year, no such related party transactions were reported.

Remuneration Policy for Management

The directors consider the board of directors, who are the charity's trustees, and the non-executive management team to comprise the key management personnel (KMP) of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating Farset Labs on a day-to-day basis.

In this capacity, no key management personnel of the charity are remunerated, and all give of their time freely.

Outside of this management capacity (i.e. in the case of a KMP having specific, relevant skills related to a funded programme), no KMP's were remunerated during the reporting period.

Pricing Policy

Our pricing policy reflects our strategy of enabling all within our community, whatever their means, to take part in our activities and have access to our resources in an equitable manner to anyone else.

There are three primary modes of physical access for the community to take advantage of the resources and community in the labs; Membership, Day-Passes, and Event Attendance.

We have not adjusted our baseline "membership" policy in 6 years, with £15pm for students, £25pm "Enthusiast" membership, and £35pm "Freelancer" membership. There are no real differentiators between these levels and represent a structured "pay what you can" approach.

Day-Passes at £5 per day grant users access to the non-workshop facilities (unless they go through specific instruction in the use of that resource).

Event attendees are suggested to donate £3 to un-sponsored or member-run events to cover the baseline costs of the space.

In the non-physical realm, we maintain and active, free to join, community on the Slack platform that both connects our 70+ direct 'members', but also includes some 180 additional 'associates'; people who have been involved in volunteering, attending events, or just come to hang out with like-minded individuals where they can't use the physical space that much.

The 'Friend of Farset' programme; a no-entitlement recurring donation system for people who wish to support the organisation but do not have the opportunity to regularly use the physical space, introduced in the previous year, has been a valuable secondary revenue and donation scheme for the charity. We are currently investigating the suitability of this donation model to be extended to include Gift-Aid,

however there are no current examples of managed services to provide this automatically.

With regards to the letting of event space for external events/ projects, for example, our primary event space is let at a rate of £25/hr with a 2-hour booking minimum, but at the discretion of the events Trustees or Managers, this can be discounted for bulk events (i.e. 12 or 24 hour 'hackathons' would not be sustainable under this direct model.)

Additionally, room booking concessions are available for voluntary/community groups and charitable organisations where their activities align with the objects of the charity as a whole.

Reserves Policy

In the interest of Farset Labs continuing on a multi-annual basis, the Board has agreed to establish and maintain an operational reserve to ensure long-term stability of operations, and potentially providing bridges for unexpected upstream costs.

These approximations will be reassessed annually as part of the Trustees Annual Report to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, due on the 28th of December (2 months before the Financial Year End; 28th of February).

General Reserves

The organisation should retain at least 6 months core running costs (Rent/Service Charge/Electricity/Heating etc) to provide resilience against revenue or upstream cost variations.

As of September 2020, these are approximated to be £8,000 based on 3 years of amortised baseline costs, increasing based on the ONS CPI rate (2% at the time of writing).

The board of trustees reserves the right to modify this reserve in the event of any supplier notification of change of prices.

Designated Funds

The organisation should retain at least £3,000 for unexpected repairs, like-for-like replacements and consumable costs for maintaining capital investments (core infrastructure, security, and workshop equipment in particular).

This valuation is based on the current asset base of approximately £6,000, and assuming that no more than half of the assets will require replacement within one reporting period.

Monitoring of Reserves

A multi-annual financial summary will be available to trustees at all trustees' meetings.

All trustees are responsible for monitoring for breaches, or risks of breaches to, this reserves policy, and should both take measures to remediate this breach, and to record the observation and response, and any further action/monitoring to be completed.

Risks Management Policy

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises;

- Establishment and regular review of principal risks and uncertainties that the charity may face
- Regular reviews of policies, systems and processes in place to track and mitigate those risks identified above or on an ad-hoc basis
- Implementation of best-practice procedures to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Financial Risk

This work has identified that increasing privately operated for-profit 'competition' in the co-working space as a potential risk, but over the reporting period we have not seen any significant downward change in the use or operation of the space; this vindicates the trustees' belief that the core charitable operations of the space are more relevant and motivating than the availability of accessible working space alone.

However, the trustees are keenly aware that the expansion of the space incurs non-negligible risk with respect to this market sensitivity. Additionally, the disruption involved in departing the building for renovations will impact our ability to maintain our day-to-day operations and "mindshare" within the community. As such we have updated our reserves policy for the 2019-2020 period to accommodate funds to be set aside both for secondary renovation costs, and to support re-establishing the community in the space and "kickstarting" new programmes towards the end of 2019 and early 2020.

This expansion of our space will inevitably incur increased operating costs such as increased heating and electrical costs, in addition to rising rents across both our existing 'Unit 1' facility, and our new 'Unit 1A' facility. To attempt to ameliorate these costs, we have agreed a five year lease on Unit 1 (our home of nearly 10 years) and are in 'meanwhile' use of Unit 1A until such time as a revenue generating breakeven point is established to the use of the area of the facility.

Related to this, we recognise that we are at increased sensitivity to market changes in the heating and electricity markets, as the more-than-doubling of our space will greatly increase these costs as a proportion of the space.

As with any mixed-use space, two other non-financial risk factors arise regularly; that of health and safety of users of the space, and child protection of younger members of the community who attend our outreach and education events.

Health and Safety Risk
With respect to Health and Safety, we maintain engagement with our insurance company to ensure that our coverage matches the use and risk profile of the space. Also, in the reporting period we have undertaken an onboarding and induction training regime for new members wishing to use the workshop, requiring sign-off by one of the KMP as to their competency.

There have been no accidents reported during the reporting period.

Child Protection Risk
With respect to child protection, we regularly review our child protection procedures to keep them in line with best practices and hold regular awareness training for volunteers working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

There have been no safeguarding-incidents reported during the reporting period.

Restrictions on Public Benefits and Concessions

Individuals, Community Groups and Organisations
Access to the workspace for individuals, community groups and organisations for hirable facilities such as the event space, requires paying for the facility or a membership.

Concessions are made to individuals, community groups and organisations to achieve goals that align with our charitable purpose, including providing the facility free of charge.

Individuals
Access to the workspace for individuals outside of educational programmes and events requires paying for a visitor pass, or a membership. Considerations have been implemented to ensure that these benefits are available to beneficiaries who are poor.

Events and participation in educational programmes delivered by the charity are free, with suggested donations.

Visitor pass fees are £5, allowing access for a single day for an individual, allowing cheaper, though limited, access than memberships.

Membership fees spread across £15, £25, £35 and £75 and all members have equivalent access regardless of which price is paid by the individual, allowing adjustments to accommodate individual circumstances. Selected prices align with ability and desire to support the charity.

Concessions are made to grant access to individuals who are not able to pay to access the facilities, allowing them to pay at a later date or forego payment altogether.

Private Benefits

A private benefit to trustees is the normal use of the resources and space provided to all beneficiaries, and this is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided and maintained for all beneficiaries.

Trustees that participate and represent the charity at educational, promotional or outreach events gain experience that can aid their future employment prospects.

These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefits of the organisation are provided to our beneficiaries.

In some cases, these same people will receive reasonable financial compensation for expenses related to such activities where these activities are exclusively in line with the purposes of the organisation.

This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

Statements of Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity for the year ending 28th February 2020, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes, as well as a direct, public, transparent annual report to our membership and community as a whole.

Financial Statements

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Farset Labs for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and on the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the independent examination, but of which the independent examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of such information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by

Artemiy Knipe
Chair of the Board
24 February 2022

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors of Farset Labs for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FARSET LABS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FARSET LABS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Farset Labs (the charity) for the year ended 28 February 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008 (Northern Ireland) (the 2008 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

FARSET LABS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FARSET LABS

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 financial statements to be reached.

JLGrant

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Dated: 24 February 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	5,562	-	5,562	2,644	-	2,644
Charitable activities	4	4,000	-	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500
Other trading activities	5	16,478	-	16,478	32,284	-	32,284
Investments	6	15	-	15	11	-	11
Other income	7	-	-	-	520	-	520
Total income		26,055	-	26,055	37,459	7,500	44,959
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	704	-	704	2,323	-	2,323
Charitable activities	9	26,073	-	26,073	41,334	-	41,334
Total resources expended		26,777	-	26,777	43,657	-	43,657
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(722)	-	(722)	(6,198)	7,500	1,302
Fund balances at 29 February 2020		(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)	(4,786)	-	(4,786)
Fund balances at 28 February 2021		(11,706)	7,500	(4,206)	(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

FARSET LABS

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**13**		4,118		1,140
Current assets					
Debtors	**14**	2,035		5,384	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,622		16,030	
		13,657		21,414	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(2,129)		(6,186)	
Net current assets			11,528		15,228
Total assets less current liabilities			15,646		16,368
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**17**		(19,852)		(19,852)
Net liabilities			(4,206)		(3,484)
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**18**		7,500		7,500
Unrestricted funds			(11,706)		(10,984)
			(4,206)		(3,484)

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2021.

The directors 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 24 February 2022

Mr D Wylie
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI611278

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Farset Labs is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Unit 1 Weavers Court, Linfield Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT12 5GH, Northern Ireland.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has solid income moving forward and adequate arrangements with long term creditors. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

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 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.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity 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 charity 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity 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.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the advancement of education and activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs;

- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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:

Leasehold improvements	20% Straight Line
Plant and equipment	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	20% Straight Line

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 net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity 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 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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 charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,562	2,644

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Performance related grants	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	4,000	2,000	-	2,000
Restricted funds	-	-	7,500	7,500
Performance related grants				
University of Ulster	-	-	7,500	7,500
Queens University of Belfast	-	2,000	-	2,000
Halifax - Community Grants	4,000	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020
	£	£
Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance a payment for goods and services	16,319	27,203
Event Charges	49	4,185
Shop income	110	896
Other trading activities	16,478	32,284

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	15	11

7 Other income

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Other income	-	520

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Trading costs		
Purchases	704	2,323
	704	2,323

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
Programme Costs	458	4,099
Share of support costs (see note 10)	24,463	36,213
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	1,152	1,022
	26,073	41,334

10 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Depreciation	1,189	-	1,189	537	-	537
Establishment costs	20,586	-	20,586	26,161	-	26,161
Office costs	1,576	-	1,576	1,641	-	1,641
Advertising & Marketing	53	-	53	81	-	81
Bank fees	342	-	342	465	-	465
Travel costs	23	-	23	48	-	48
General expenses	694	-	694	7,280	-	7,280
Accountancy	-	1,152	1,152	-	1,022	1,022
	24,463	1,152	25,615	36,213	1,022	37,235
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	24,463	1,152	25,615	36,213	1,022	37,235

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 29 February 2020	221	1,815	1,212	1,642	4,890
Additions	-	4,167	-	-	4,167
At 28 February 2021	221	5,982	1,212	1,642	9,057
Depreciation and impairment					
At 29 February 2020	221	1,735	940	854	3,750
Depreciation charged in the year	-	853	139	197	1,189
At 28 February 2021	221	2,588	1,079	1,051	4,939
Carrying amount					
At 28 February 2021	-	3,394	133	591	4,118
At 28 February 2020	-	80	272	788	1,140

14 Debtors

	2021	2020
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	2,035	5,384

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Directors' loans	58	58
Payable within one year	58	58

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Borrowings	58	58
Trade creditors	882	5,281
Other creditors	37	37
Accruals and deferred income	1,152	810
	2,129	6,186

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	19,852	19,852

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds	
	Incoming resources	Balance at 29 February 2020	Incoming resources	Balance at 28 February 2021
	£	£	£	£
University of Ulster - Future Screens NI	7,500	7,500	-	7,500

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	**Restricted Funds 2021**	**Total 2021**	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	4,118	-	4,118	1,140	-	1,140
Current assets/ (liabilities)	4,028	7,500	11,528	7,728	7,500	15,228
Long term liabilities	(19,852)	-	(19,852)	(19,852)	-	(19,852)
	(11,706)	7,500	(4,206)	(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

Farset Labs

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102754

Annual report

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

FARSET LABS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Purpose, Beneficiaries and Public Benefits
Farset Labs exists to empower members of the general public to pursue interests in STEAM by providing an accessible workspace, and educating children, youth and adults. Our goal is to cultivate a diverse community of enthusiasts with a wide range of skills across STEAM disciplines.

Beneficiaries of our charity are primarily people living in or visiting Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Public benefits are evidenced by a sustained community of members, long term participants in our educational programmes and frequent usage of our facilities by community groups.

Ongoing collaboration of our membership and community groups on projects, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and other engagements such as formation of social clubs confirms the positive impact of our community development investments.

Over the years, our facilities have served as a propagation ground for the founding of several community groups by our members that have grown to deliver a positive impact in advancement of education and community development in Northern Ireland.

Cases of benefit to entrepreneurship and employability have been demonstrated through creation of new companies by our members, and by employment of participants in our educational programmes and members.

Emergence of volunteers from our membership base for charitable activities within our organisation and externally affirms success of our volunteer development activities.

Impact of our activities is validated by feedback from the people whose lives were positively impacted by using our facilities, participation in events and membership in the community.

Significant bodies such as NESTA, STEMNET, the Northern Ireland Science Park, Queen's University Belfast, Ulster University, Tibus Connect and Intel Ireland have also shown recognition of the impact of our organisation.

Activities, Objectives and Achievements
Farset Labs runs a hackerspace; a community-operated workspace where people with common interests, primarily in STEAM, can meet, socialise and collaborate. It serves as our base of operations for charitable activities and delivery of the organisation's objectives.

Our objectives support each other in a symbiotic relationship to advance education, art, and science as well as investing in community development.

Our objectives are:

1. To provide an accessible workspace for promotion of STEAM activities of individuals, community groups and organisations.
2. To educate children, youth and adults in STEAM subjects by coaching self-education, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and project-based learning.
3. To cultivate a diverse community of enthusiasts in our membership with varying experience levels, individual perspectives and a wide range of skills across STEAM disciplines.

Education of Children, Youth and Adults
Education for the general public in STEAM is key to sustainable, long term benefits for our beneficiaries, where we concentrate on coaching self-education, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and project-based learning.

New resources were set up by Farset Labs to make engaging programmes online possible, including chat, live streaming and a physical base of operations with technical capabilities.

Programmes
Education programmes are events and engagements organised by the charity and are operated by volunteers. Our programmes aim to educate people through hands-on projects with real world outcomes, and to connect people with shared interests.

In this reporting period, Farset Labs ran 3 educational programmes with 11 individual engagements, all of which were delivered by volunteers: Hack Night, Password Night and Global Game Jam. An estimated total of 106 people took part in our programmes this year.

Children and Youth
Our primary programme for children and youth is Farset Dojo; a regular coding and electronics club for under 18s, which is typically attended by a diverse cohort of children and youth from the local community.

Farset Dojo and other programmes aimed at children and youth were put on pause for the safety of attendees in line with government guidance.

Adults
Global Game Jam at Farset Labs is considered by many to be a jewel in the crown of the NI Technology & Design calendar. Our charity organises a site for Belfast as part of a global hackathon which brings thousands of developers, designers, artists and makers across hundreds of sites across the world to build games. In lockdown we mobilised to run it online bringing together 56 jammers to create 10 games within 2 days.

Hack Night themes ranged from building an electronic locking system that integrates with our membership database to celebrating pride month by decorating our charity's website, where participants learned by doing. An estimate of 40 attendees took part over the course of 8 events.

Password Night aimed to educate people on online privacy and security, with attendees walking away being more secure by the end of the night. Over the course of this programme 10 people took part and improved their online privacy & security. Additionally, instructions for anyone in the world to run their own Password Night was created and are available for free online.

Accessible Workspace for STEAM Activities

Community accessible workspaces to facilitate STEAM outreach and education in Northern Ireland is one of our core contributions to public benefit.

Farset Labs is locally unique in providing **24/7/365 access** to an event space, communal workspace, technical library, modern high-tech workshop and other facilities for our beneficiaries.

Our ability to provide this benefit was significantly restrained by the global pandemic, given that we provide access primarily to physical facilities. In line with government guidance, we closed our facilities for a major part of the year, and reopened access with a 5-step plan.

Community Groups

Community groups use our facilities free of charge provided they are using them for activities that align with our charitable purposes and don't charge people for participation.

Farset Labs supported 2 communities organised by local volunteers to run 3 engagements for advancement of education, arts, culture and science, all of which were open to the general public free of charge. Supported events were attended primarily by adults, directly reaching an estimate of 30 total attendees from the general public with indirect wider impact.

Individuals

Individuals use our facilities by coming to free events, buying a visitor pass, or subscribing for a monthly membership. However, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and can't subscribe for a monthly membership.

Farset Labs provided an estimate of **50-75 members** with access to our communal facilities for project-based learning, collaboration and general use at the individual's discretion.
Visitors were not able to use the physical facilities until 7th of September 2020, but engaged on our online forums.

On a typical week, the space is used on all 7 days during the day and night as people come in when it suits their needs, often working around their job schedules. In a typical year, our facilities are used almost 365 days a year. However, this year we have seen significantly lower use of the facilities.

Importantly, our members are the core volunteers in our charitable activities, core source of sustainable income for the charity, and core contributors to maintenance and operation of the facilities.

Supporting Education

Our facilities enable individuals to take on otherwise inaccessible projects. Getting equipment for manufacturing or obtaining electronics for exploring a technology is predicated with a financial investment that can stop an idea in its tracks.

By pooling finances we significantly improve the accessibility to these resources and open the doors to a wide range of new opportunities in project-based learning for our beneficiaries.

Supporting Collaboration

Sharing resources and engaging in project-based learning are the backbone of collaboration between our beneficiaries. Learning to work with the same equipment as those around you encourages people to exchange knowledge and ideas, fostering a culture of peer-to-peer teaching and learning.

Collaborations between visitors, members and our charity have resulted in new projects, skill exchanges and a sense of community.

Supporting Community, Operations and Governance

Our charity is operated by volunteers, including the day to day of management of our building. It is made possible by visitors and members that spend their time in the space. Shared responsibility is assumed by people in our community and each member is empowered to enact change by our philosophy of do-ocracy.

Governance of the charity is tied to the needs of the members who collectively finance the charity. A monthly community "Town Hall" is held where members can raise issues, propose changes and make requests, including voting on candidates that wish to become Trustees.

Governance

Farset Labs is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Articles of Association (last updated 13th May 2016), and it is a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

The core operations of Farset Labs are administered by the board of Trustees, currently numbered at 4. The board normally meets quarterly, and also corresponds digitally between meetings to collaborate and track development, outreach, education, finance, operations and facilities on an ad hoc basis.

The wider operation of the organisation is managed in collaboration with a team of Non-Executive Managers (NEMs) to whom the Trustees have delegated vertically integrated interests in several specific fields of operation. These roles are governed under a separate document termed the Operations Manual.

Developments

In the reporting period, we formalised the structure of our Board of Trustees and assigned specific Chair, Secretary and Treasurer positions. Currently, we are iterating on the responsibilities of each role in an ongoing discussion to ensure we meet general and specific needs of our charity.

Trustee Appointment Policy

From the governing document, the appointment of Directors to Farset Labs is legally provisioned under clause 17 (1) a whereby additional directors are appointed assent of the current quorum of directors, however, in a practical sense this appointment is predicated on an open nomination/election in the community (as an extraordinary meeting), whereby any member of the community can self-nominate for an open run-off election where by at least 50% of the current membership must participate, and within valid candidates there must be a clear majority of support for a given candidate, for the directors to accept the election as a valid expression of support.

New trustees undergo several orientation sessions with the current trustees, and are instructed in the review of relevant legal obligations and statutes relevant to company law, the charities commission guidance on public benefit, and clarify, if necessary, the contents and spirit of the Articles of Association; the management and decision-making processes within the organisation, any non-public operational plans, and recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Remuneration Policy for Related Parties and Organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other incidental benefit from their work with the charity.

Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity to a donor/vendor/sponsor or other collaborating agency must be disclosed to both the board of trustees as part of the trustee nomination policy, and to the wider community as part of their self-nomination. Any changes in their respective professional circumstances must be reported to the full board of trustees at their earliest convenience.

In the current year, no such related party transactions were reported.

Remuneration Policy for Management

The directors consider the board of directors, who are the charity's trustees, and the non-executive management team to comprise the key management personnel (KMP) of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating Farset Labs on a day-to-day basis.

In this capacity, no key management personnel of the charity are remunerated, and all give of their time freely.

Outside of this management capacity (i.e. in the case of a KMP having specific, relevant skills related to a funded programme), no KMP's were remunerated during the reporting period.

Pricing Policy

Our pricing policy reflects our strategy of enabling all within our community, whatever their means, to take part in our activities and have access to our resources in an equitable manner to anyone else.

There are three primary modes of physical access for the community to take advantage of the resources and community in the labs; Membership, Day-Passes, and Event Attendance.

We have not adjusted our baseline "membership" policy in 6 years, with £15pm for students, £25pm "Enthusiast" membership, and £35pm "Freelancer" membership. There are no real differentiators between these levels and represent a structured "pay what you can" approach.

Day-Passes at £5 per day grant users access to the non-workshop facilities (unless they go through specific instruction in the use of that resource).

Event attendees are suggested to donate £3 to un-sponsored or member-run events to cover the baseline costs of the space.

In the non-physical realm, we maintain and active, free to join, community on the Slack platform that both connects our 70+ direct 'members', but also includes some 180 additional 'associates'; people who have been involved in volunteering, attending events, or just come to hang out with like-minded individuals where they can't use the physical space that much.

The 'Friend of Farset' programme; a no-entitlement recurring donation system for people who wish to support the organisation but do not have the opportunity to regularly use the physical space, introduced in the previous year, has been a valuable secondary revenue and donation scheme for the charity. We are currently investigating the suitability of this donation model to be extended to include Gift-Aid,

however there are no current examples of managed services to provide this automatically.

With regards to the letting of event space for external events/ projects, for example, our primary event space is let at a rate of £25/hr with a 2-hour booking minimum, but at the discretion of the events Trustees or Managers, this can be discounted for bulk events (i.e. 12 or 24 hour 'hackathons' would not be sustainable under this direct model.)

Additionally, room booking concessions are available for voluntary/community groups and charitable organisations where their activities align with the objects of the charity as a whole.

Reserves Policy

In the interest of Farset Labs continuing on a multi-annual basis, the Board has agreed to establish and maintain an operational reserve to ensure long-term stability of operations, and potentially providing bridges for unexpected upstream costs.

These approximations will be reassessed annually as part of the Trustees Annual Report to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, due on the 28th of December (2 months before the Financial Year End; 28th of February).

General Reserves

The organisation should retain at least 6 months core running costs (Rent/Service Charge/Electricity/Heating etc) to provide resilience against revenue or upstream cost variations.

As of September 2020, these are approximated to be £8,000 based on 3 years of amortised baseline costs, increasing based on the ONS CPI rate (2% at the time of writing).

The board of trustees reserves the right to modify this reserve in the event of any supplier notification of change of prices.

Designated Funds

The organisation should retain at least £3,000 for unexpected repairs, like-for-like replacements and consumable costs for maintaining capital investments (core infrastructure, security, and workshop equipment in particular).

This valuation is based on the current asset base of approximately £6,000, and assuming that no more than half of the assets will require replacement within one reporting period.

Monitoring of Reserves
A multi-annual financial summary will be available to trustees at all trustees' meetings.

All trustees are responsible for monitoring for breaches, or risks of breaches to, this reserves policy, and should both take measures to remediate this breach, and to record the observation and response, and any further action/monitoring to be completed.

Risks Management Policy
The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises;
- Establishment and regular review of principal risks and uncertainties that the charity may face
- Regular reviews of policies, systems and processes in place to track and mitigate those risks identified above or on an ad-hoc basis
- Implementation of best-practice procedures to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Financial Risk
This work has identified that increasing privately operated for-profit 'competition' in the co-working space as a potential risk, but over the reporting period we have not seen any significant downward change in the use or operation of the space; this vindicates the trustees' belief that the core charitable operations of the space are more relevant and motivating than the availability of accessible working space alone.

However, the trustees are keenly aware that the expansion of the space incurs non-negligible risk with respect to this market sensitivity. Additionally, the disruption involved in departing the building for renovations will impact our ability to maintain our day-to-day operations and "mindshare" within the community. As such we have updated our reserves policy for the 2019-2020 period to accommodate funds to be set aside both for secondary renovation costs, and to support re-establishing the community in the space and "kickstarting" new programmes towards the end of 2019 and early 2020.

This expansion of our space will inevitably incur increased operating costs such as increased heating and electrical costs, in addition to rising rents across both our existing 'Unit 1' facility, and our new 'Unit 1A' facility. To attempt to ameliorate these costs, we have agreed a five year lease on Unit 1 (our home of nearly 10 years) and are in 'meanwhile' use of Unit 1A until such time as a revenue generating breakeven point is established to the use of the area of the facility.

Related to this, we recognise that we are at increased sensitivity to market changes in the heating and electricity markets, as the more-than-doubling of our space will greatly increase these costs as a proportion of the space.

As with any mixed-use space, two other non-financial risk factors arise regularly; that of health and safety of users of the space, and child protection of younger members of the community who attend our outreach and education events.

Health and Safety Risk
With respect to Health and Safety, we maintain engagement with our insurance company to ensure that our coverage matches the use and risk profile of the space. Also, in the reporting period we have undertaken an onboarding and induction training regime for new members wishing to use the workshop, requiring sign-off by one of the KMP as to their competency.

There have been no accidents reported during the reporting period.

Child Protection Risk
With respect to child protection, we regularly review our child protection procedures to keep them in line with best practices and hold regular awareness training for volunteers working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

There have been no safeguarding-incidents reported during the reporting period.

Restrictions on Public Benefits and Concessions

Individuals, Community Groups and Organisations
Access to the workspace for individuals, community groups and organisations for hirable facilities such as the event space, requires paying for the facility or a membership.

Concessions are made to individuals, community groups and organisations to achieve goals that align with our charitable purpose, including providing the facility free of charge.

Individuals
Access to the workspace for individuals outside of educational programmes and events requires paying for a visitor pass, or a membership. Considerations have been implemented to ensure that these benefits are available to beneficiaries who are poor.

Events and participation in educational programmes delivered by the charity are free, with suggested donations.

Visitor pass fees are £5, allowing access for a single day for an individual, allowing cheaper, though limited, access than memberships.

Membership fees spread across £15, £25, £35 and £75 and all members have equivalent access regardless of which price is paid by the individual, allowing adjustments to accommodate individual circumstances. Selected prices align with ability and desire to support the charity.

Concessions are made to grant access to individuals who are not able to pay to access the facilities, allowing them to pay at a later date or forego payment altogether.

Private Benefits

A private benefit to trustees is the normal use of the resources and space provided to all beneficiaries, and this is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided and maintained for all beneficiaries.

Trustees that participate and represent the charity at educational, promotional or outreach events gain experience that can aid their future employment prospects.

These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefits of the organisation are provided to our beneficiaries.

In some cases, these same people will receive reasonable financial compensation for expenses related to such activities where these activities are exclusively in line with the purposes of the organisation.

This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

Statements of Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity for the year ending 28th February 2020, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes, as well as a direct, public, transparent annual report to our membership and community as a whole.

Financial Statements

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Farset Labs for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and on the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the independent examination, but of which the independent examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of such information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by

Artemiy Knipe
Chair of the Board
24 February 2022

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors of Farset Labs for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FARSET LABS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Farset Labs (the charity) for the year ended 28 February 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008 (Northern Ireland) (the 2008 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FARSET LABS

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 financial statements to be reached.

JLGrant

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Dated: 24 February 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	5,562	-	5,562	2,644	-	2,644
Charitable activities	4	4,000	-	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500
Other trading activities	5	16,478	-	16,478	32,284	-	32,284
Investments	6	15	-	15	11	-	11
Other income	7	-	-	-	520	-	520
Total income		26,055	-	26,055	37,459	7,500	44,959
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	8	704	-	704	2,323	-	2,323
Charitable activities	9	26,073	-	26,073	41,334	-	41,334
Total resources expended		26,777	-	26,777	43,657	-	43,657
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(722)	-	(722)	(6,198)	7,500	1,302
Fund balances at 29 February 2020		(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)	(4,786)	-	(4,786)
Fund balances at 28 February 2021		(11,706)	7,500	(4,206)	(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**13**		4,118		1,140
Current assets					
Debtors	**14**	2,035		5,384	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,622		16,030	
		13,657		21,414	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(2,129)		(6,186)	
Net current assets			11,528		15,228
Total assets less current liabilities			15,646		16,368
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**17**		(19,852)		(19,852)
Net liabilities			(4,206)		(3,484)
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**18**		7,500		7,500
Unrestricted funds			(11,706)		(10,984)
			(4,206)		(3,484)

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2021.

The directors 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 24 February 2022

Mr D Wylie
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI611278

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Farset Labs is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Unit 1 Weavers Court, Linfield Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT12 5GH, Northern Ireland.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has solid income moving forward and adequate arrangements with long term creditors. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

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 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.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity 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 charity 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity 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.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the advancement of education and activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs;

- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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:

Leasehold improvements	20% Straight Line
Plant and equipment	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	20% Straight Line

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 net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity 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 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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 charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,562	2,644

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Performance related grants	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	4,000	2,000	-	2,000
Restricted funds	-	-	7,500	7,500
Performance related grants				
University of Ulster	-	-	7,500	7,500
Queens University of Belfast	-	2,000	-	2,000
Halifax - Community Grants	4,000	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020
	£	£
Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance a payment for goods and services	16,319	27,203
Event Charges	49	4,185
Shop income	110	896
Other trading activities	16,478	32,284

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	15	11

7 Other income

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Other income	-	520

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Trading costs		
Purchases	704	2,323
	704	2,323

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020
	£	£
Programme Costs	458	4,099
Share of support costs (see note 10)	24,463	36,213
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	1,152	1,022
	26,073	41,334

10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	1,189	-	1,189	537	-	537
Establishment costs	20,586	-	20,586	26,161	-	26,161
Office costs	1,576	-	1,576	1,641	-	1,641
Advertising & Marketing	53	-	53	81	-	81
Bank fees	342	-	342	465	-	465
Travel costs	23	-	23	48	-	48
General expenses	694	-	694	7,280	-	7,280
Accountancy	-	1,152	1,152	-	1,022	1,022
	24,463	1,152	25,615	36,213	1,022	37,235
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	24,463	1,152	25,615	36,213	1,022	37,235

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 29 February 2020	221	1,815	1,212	1,642	4,890
Additions	-	4,167	-	-	4,167
At 28 February 2021	221	5,982	1,212	1,642	9,057
Depreciation and impairment					
At 29 February 2020	221	1,735	940	854	3,750
Depreciation charged in the year	-	853	139	197	1,189
At 28 February 2021	221	2,588	1,079	1,051	4,939
Carrying amount					
At 28 February 2021	-	3,394	133	591	4,118
At 28 February 2020	-	80	272	788	1,140

14 Debtors

	2021	2020
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	2,035	5,384

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Directors' loans	58	58
Payable within one year	58	58

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Borrowings	58	58
Trade creditors	882	5,281
Other creditors	37	37
Accruals and deferred income	1,152	810
	2,129	6,186

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	19,852	19,852

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds	
	Incoming resources	Balance at 29 February 2020	Incoming resources	Balance at 28 February 2021
	£	£	£	£
University of Ulster - Future Screens NI	7,500	7,500	-	7,500

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	**Restricted Funds 2021**	**Total 2021**	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	4,118	-	4,118	1,140	-	1,140
Current assets/ (liabilities)	4,028	7,500	11,528	7,728	7,500	15,228
Long term liabilities	(19,852)	-	(19,852)	(19,852)	-	(19,852)
	(11,706)	7,500	(4,206)	(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102754

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Purpose, Beneficiaries and Public Benefits

Farset Labs exists to empower members of the general public to pursue interests in STEAM by providing an accessible workspace, and educating children, youth and adults. Our goal is to cultivate a diverse community of enthusiasts with a wide range of skills across STEAM disciplines.

Beneficiaries of our charity are primarily people living in or visiting Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Public benefits are evidenced by a sustained community of members, long term participants in our educational programmes and frequent usage of our facilities by community groups.

Ongoing collaboration of our membership and community groups on projects, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and other engagements such as formation of social clubs confirms the positive impact of our community development investments.

Over the years, our facilities have served as a propagation ground for the founding of several community groups by our members that have grown to deliver a positive impact in advancement of education and community development in Northern Ireland.

Cases of benefit to entrepreneurship and employability have been demonstrated through creation of new companies by our members, and by employment of participants in our educational programmes and members.

Emergence of volunteers from our membership base for charitable activities within our organisation and externally affirms success of our volunteer development activities.

Impact of our activities is validated by feedback from the people whose lives were positively impacted by using our facilities, participation in events and membership in the community.

Significant bodies such as NESTA, STEMNET, the Northern Ireland Science Park, Queen's University Belfast, Ulster University, Tibus Connect and Intel Ireland have also shown recognition of the impact of our organisation.

Activities, Objectives and Achievements

Farset Labs runs a hackerspace; a community-operated workspace where people with common interests, primarily in STEAM, can meet, socialise and collaborate. It serves as our base of operations for charitable activities and delivery of the organisation's objectives.

Our objectives support each other in a symbiotic relationship to advance education, art, and science as well as investing in community development.

Our objectives are:

1. To provide an accessible workspace for promotion of STEAM activities of individuals, community groups and organisations.
2. To educate children, youth and adults in STEAM subjects by coaching self-education, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and project-based learning.
3. To cultivate a diverse community of enthusiasts in our membership with varying experience levels, individual perspectives and a wide range of skills across STEAM disciplines.

Education of Children, Youth and Adults
Education for the general public in STEAM is key to sustainable, long term benefits for our beneficiaries, where we concentrate on coaching self-education, peer-to-peer learning and teaching, and project-based learning.

New resources were set up by Farset Labs to make engaging programmes online possible, including chat, live streaming and a physical base of operations with technical capabilities.

Programmes
Education programmes are events and engagements organised by the charity and are operated by volunteers. Our programmes aim to educate people through hands-on projects with real world outcomes, and to connect people with shared interests.

In this reporting period, Farset Labs ran 3 educational programmes with 11 individual engagements, all of which were delivered by volunteers: Hack Night, Password Night and Global Game Jam. An estimated total of 106 people took part in our programmes this year.

Children and Youth
Our primary programme for children and youth is Farset Dojo; a regular coding and electronics club for under 18s, which is typically attended by a diverse cohort of children and youth from the local community.

Farset Dojo and other programmes aimed at children and youth were put on pause for the safety of attendees in line with government guidance.

Adults
Global Game Jam at Farset Labs is considered by many to be a jewel in the crown of the NI Technology & Design calendar. Our charity organises a site for Belfast as part of a global hackathon which brings thousands of developers, designers, artists and makers across hundreds of sites across the world to build games. In lockdown we mobilised to run it online bringing together 56 jammers to create 10 games within 2 days.

Hack Night themes ranged from building an electronic locking system that integrates with our membership database to celebrating pride month by decorating our charity's website, where participants learned by doing. An estimate of 40 attendees took part over the course of 8 events.

Password Night aimed to educate people on online privacy and security, with attendees walking away being more secure by the end of the night. Over the course of this programme 10 people took part and improved their online privacy & security. Additionally, instructions for anyone in the world to run their own Password Night was created and are available for free online.

Accessible Workspace for STEAM Activities

Community accessible workspaces to facilitate STEAM outreach and education in Northern Ireland is one of our core contributions to public benefit.

Farset Labs is locally unique in providing **24/7/365 access** to an event space, communal workspace, technical library, modern high-tech workshop and other facilities for our beneficiaries.

Our ability to provide this benefit was significantly restrained by the global pandemic, given that we provide access primarily to physical facilities. In line with government guidance, we closed our facilities for a major part of the year, and reopened access with a 5-step plan.

Community Groups

Community groups use our facilities free of charge provided they are using them for activities that align with our charitable purposes and don't charge people for participation.

Farset Labs supported 2 communities organised by local volunteers to run 3 engagements for advancement of education, arts, culture and science, all of which were open to the general public free of charge. Supported events were attended primarily by adults, directly reaching an estimate of 30 total attendees from the general public with indirect wider impact.

Individuals

Individuals use our facilities by coming to free events, buying a visitor pass, or subscribing for a monthly membership. However, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and can't subscribe for a monthly membership.

Farset Labs provided an estimate of **50-75 members** with access to our communal facilities for project-based learning, collaboration and general use at the individual's discretion.
Visitors were not able to use the physical facilities until 7th of September 2020, but engaged on our online forums.

On a typical week, the space is used on all 7 days during the day and night as people come in when it suits their needs, often working around their job schedules. In a typical year, our facilities are used almost 365 days a year. However, this year we have seen significantly lower use of the facilities.

Importantly, our members are the core volunteers in our charitable activities, core source of sustainable income for the charity, and core contributors to maintenance and operation of the facilities.

Supporting Education

Our facilities enable individuals to take on otherwise inaccessible projects. Getting equipment for manufacturing or obtaining electronics for exploring a technology is predicated with a financial investment that can stop an idea in its tracks.

By pooling finances we significantly improve the accessibility to these resources and open the doors to a wide range of new opportunities in project-based learning for our beneficiaries.

Supporting Collaboration

Sharing resources and engaging in project-based learning are the backbone of collaboration between our beneficiaries. Learning to work with the same equipment as those around you encourages people to exchange knowledge and ideas, fostering a culture of peer-to-peer teaching and learning.

Collaborations between visitors, members and our charity have resulted in new projects, skill exchanges and a sense of community.

Supporting Community, Operations and Governance

Our charity is operated by volunteers, including the day to day of management of our building. It is made possible by visitors and members that spend their time in the space. Shared responsibility is assumed by people in our community and each member is empowered to enact change by our philosophy of do-ocracy.

Governance of the charity is tied to the needs of the members who collectively finance the charity. A monthly community "Town Hall" is held where members can raise issues, propose changes and make requests, including voting on candidates that wish to become Trustees.

Governance

Farset Labs is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Articles of Association (last updated 13th May 2016), and it is a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

Organisational Structure

The core operations of Farset Labs are administered by the board of Trustees, currently numbered at 4. The board normally meets quarterly, and also corresponds digitally between meetings to collaborate and track development, outreach, education, finance, operations and facilities on an ad hoc basis.

The wider operation of the organisation is managed in collaboration with a team of Non-Executive Managers (NEMs) to whom the Trustees have delegated vertically
integrated interests in several specific fields of operation. These roles are governed under a separate document termed the Operations Manual.

Developments

In the reporting period, we formalised the structure of our Board of Trustees and assigned specific Chair, Secretary and Treasurer positions. Currently, we are iterating on the responsibilities of each role in an ongoing discussion to ensure we meet general and specific needs of our charity.

Trustee Appointment Policy

From the governing document, the appointment of Directors to Farset Labs is legally provisioned under clause 17 (1) a whereby additional directors are appointed assent of the current quorum of directors, however, in a practical sense this appointment is predicated on an open nomination/election in the community (as an extraordinary meeting), whereby any member of the community can self-nominate for an open run-off election where by at least 50% of the current membership must participate, and within valid candidates there must be a clear majority of support for a given candidate, for the directors to accept the election as a valid expression of support.

New trustees undergo several orientation sessions with the current trustees, and are instructed in the review of relevant legal obligations and statutes relevant to company law, the charities commission guidance on public benefit, and clarify, if necessary, the contents and spirit of the Articles of Association; the management and decision-making processes within the organisation, any non-public operational plans, and recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Remuneration Policy for Related Parties and Organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other incidental benefit from their work with the charity.

Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity to a donor/vendor/sponsor or other collaborating agency must be disclosed to both the board of trustees as part of the trustee nomination policy, and to the wider community as part of their self-nomination. Any changes in their respective professional circumstances must be reported to the full board of trustees at their earliest convenience.

In the current year, no such related party transactions were reported.

Remuneration Policy for Management

The directors consider the board of directors, who are the charity's trustees, and the non-executive management team to comprise the key management personnel (KMP) of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating Farset Labs on a day-to-day basis.

In this capacity, no key management personnel of the charity are remunerated, and all give of their time freely.

Outside of this management capacity (i.e. in the case of a KMP having specific, relevant skills related to a funded programme), no KMP's were remunerated during the reporting period.

Pricing Policy

Our pricing policy reflects our strategy of enabling all within our community, whatever their means, to take part in our activities and have access to our resources in an equitable manner to anyone else.

There are three primary modes of physical access for the community to take advantage of the resources and community in the labs; Membership, Day-Passes, and Event Attendance.

We have not adjusted our baseline "membership" policy in 6 years, with £15pm for students, £25pm "Enthusiast" membership, and £35pm "Freelancer" membership. There are no real differentiators between these levels and represent a structured "pay what you can" approach.

Day-Passes at £5 per day grant users access to the non-workshop facilities (unless they go through specific instruction in the use of that resource).

Event attendees are suggested to donate £3 to un-sponsored or member-run events to cover the baseline costs of the space.

In the non-physical realm, we maintain and active, free to join, community on the Slack platform that both connects our 70+ direct 'members', but also includes some 180 additional 'associates'; people who have been involved in volunteering, attending events, or just come to hang out with like-minded individuals where they can't use the physical space that much.

The 'Friend of Farset' programme; a no-entitlement recurring donation system for people who wish to support the organisation but do not have the opportunity to regularly use the physical space, introduced in the previous year, has been a valuable secondary revenue and donation scheme for the charity. We are currently investigating the suitability of this donation model to be extended to include Gift-Aid,

however there are no current examples of managed services to provide this automatically.

With regards to the letting of event space for external events/ projects, for example, our primary event space is let at a rate of £25/hr with a 2-hour booking minimum, but at the discretion of the events Trustees or Managers, this can be discounted for bulk events (i.e. 12 or 24 hour 'hackathons' would not be sustainable under this direct model.)

Additionally, room booking concessions are available for voluntary/community groups and charitable organisations where their activities align with the objects of the charity as a whole.

Reserves Policy

In the interest of Farset Labs continuing on a multi-annual basis, the Board has agreed to establish and maintain an operational reserve to ensure long-term stability of operations, and potentially providing bridges for unexpected upstream costs.

These approximations will be reassessed annually as part of the Trustees Annual Report to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, due on the 28th of December (2 months before the Financial Year End; 28th of February).

General Reserves

The organisation should retain at least 6 months core running costs (Rent/Service Charge/Electricity/Heating etc) to provide resilience against revenue or upstream cost variations.

As of September 2020, these are approximated to be £8,000 based on 3 years of amortised baseline costs, increasing based on the ONS CPI rate (2% at the time of writing).

The board of trustees reserves the right to modify this reserve in the event of any supplier notification of change of prices.

Designated Funds

The organisation should retain at least £3,000 for unexpected repairs, like-for-like replacements and consumable costs for maintaining capital investments (core infrastructure, security, and workshop equipment in particular).

This valuation is based on the current asset base of approximately £6,000, and assuming that no more than half of the assets will require replacement within one reporting period.

Monitoring of Reserves
A multi-annual financial summary will be available to trustees at all trustees' meetings.

All trustees are responsible for monitoring for breaches, or risks of breaches to, this reserves policy, and should both take measures to remediate this breach, and to record the observation and response, and any further action/monitoring to be completed.

Risks Management Policy
The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises;

- Establishment and regular review of principal risks and uncertainties that the charity may face
- Regular reviews of policies, systems and processes in place to track and mitigate those risks identified above or on an ad-hoc basis
- Implementation of best-practice procedures to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Financial Risk
This work has identified that increasing privately operated for-profit 'competition' in the co-working space as a potential risk, but over the reporting period we have not seen any significant downward change in the use or operation of the space; this vindicates the trustees' belief that the core charitable operations of the space are more relevant and motivating than the availability of accessible working space alone.

However, the trustees are keenly aware that the expansion of the space incurs non-negligible risk with respect to this market sensitivity. Additionally, the disruption involved in departing the building for renovations will impact our ability to maintain our day-to-day operations and "mindshare" within the community. As such we have updated our reserves policy for the 2019-2020 period to accommodate funds to be set aside both for secondary renovation costs, and to support re-establishing the community in the space and "kickstarting" new programmes towards the end of 2019 and early 2020.

This expansion of our space will inevitably incur increased operating costs such as increased heating and electrical costs, in addition to rising rents across both our existing 'Unit 1' facility, and our new 'Unit 1A' facility. To attempt to ameliorate these costs, we have agreed a five year lease on Unit 1 (our home of nearly 10 years) and are in 'meanwhile' use of Unit 1A until such time as a revenue generating breakeven point is established to the use of the area of the facility.

Related to this, we recognise that we are at increased sensitivity to market changes in the heating and electricity markets, as the more-than-doubling of our space will greatly increase these costs as a proportion of the space.

As with any mixed-use space, two other non-financial risk factors arise regularly; that of health and safety of users of the space, and child protection of younger members of the community who attend our outreach and education events.

Health and Safety Risk
With respect to Health and Safety, we maintain engagement with our insurance company to ensure that our coverage matches the use and risk profile of the space. Also, in the reporting period we have undertaken an onboarding and induction training regime for new members wishing to use the workshop, requiring sign-off by one of the KMP as to their competency.

There have been no accidents reported during the reporting period.

Child Protection Risk
With respect to child protection, we regularly review our child protection procedures to keep them in line with best practices and hold regular awareness training for volunteers working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

There have been no safeguarding-incidents reported during the reporting period.

Restrictions on Public Benefits and Concessions

Individuals, Community Groups and Organisations
Access to the workspace for individuals, community groups and organisations for hirable facilities such as the event space, requires paying for the facility or a membership.

Concessions are made to individuals, community groups and organisations to achieve goals that align with our charitable purpose, including providing the facility free of charge.

Individuals
Access to the workspace for individuals outside of educational programmes and events requires paying for a visitor pass, or a membership. Considerations have been implemented to ensure that these benefits are available to beneficiaries who are poor.

Events and participation in educational programmes delivered by the charity are free, with suggested donations.

Visitor pass fees are £5, allowing access for a single day for an individual, allowing cheaper, though limited, access than memberships.

Membership fees spread across £15, £25, £35 and £75 and all members have equivalent access regardless of which price is paid by the individual, allowing adjustments to accommodate individual circumstances. Selected prices align with ability and desire to support the charity.

Concessions are made to grant access to individuals who are not able to pay to access the facilities, allowing them to pay at a later date or forego payment altogether.

Private Benefits

A private benefit to trustees is the normal use of the resources and space provided to all beneficiaries, and this is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided and maintained for all beneficiaries.

Trustees that participate and represent the charity at educational, promotional or outreach events gain experience that can aid their future employment prospects.

These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefits of the organisation are provided to our beneficiaries.

In some cases, these same people will receive reasonable financial compensation for expenses related to such activities where these activities are exclusively in line with the purposes of the organisation.

This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

Statements of Trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity for the year ending 28th February 2020, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes, as well as a direct, public, transparent annual report to our membership and community as a whole.

Financial Statements

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Charities (Annual Return) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, The Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Farset Labs for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and on the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the independent examination, but of which the independent examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of such information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed by

Artemiy Knipe
Chair of the Board
24 February 2022

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors of Farset Labs for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FARSET LABS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FARSET LABS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Farset Labs (the charity) for the year ended 28 February 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act 2008 (Northern Ireland) (the 2008 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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FARSET LABS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FARSET LABS

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 financial statements to be reached.

JLGrant

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PKF-FPM Accountants Limited
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Dated: 24 February 2022

FARSET LABS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	**Unrestricted funds 2021 £**	**Restricted funds 2021 £**	**Total 2021 £**	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	5,562	-	5,562	2,644	-	2,644
Charitable activities	**4**	4,000	-	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500
Other trading activities	**5**	16,478	-	16,478	32,284	-	32,284
Investments	**6**	15	-	15	11	-	11
Other income	**7**	-	-	-	520	-	520
Total income		26,055	-	26,055	37,459	7,500	44,959
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**8**	704	-	704	2,323	-	2,323
Charitable activities	**9**	26,073	-	26,073	41,334	-	41,334
Total resources expended		26,777	-	26,777	43,657	-	43,657
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(722)	-	(722)	(6,198)	7,500	1,302
Fund balances at 29 February 2020		(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)	(4,786)	-	(4,786)
Fund balances at 28 February 2021		(11,706)	7,500	(4,206)	(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

FARSET LABS

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**13**		4,118		1,140
Current assets					
Debtors	**14**	2,035		5,384	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,622		16,030	
		13,657		21,414	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(2,129)		(6,186)	
Net current assets			11,528		15,228
Total assets less current liabilities			15,646		16,368
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**17**		(19,852)		(19,852)
Net liabilities			(4,206)		(3,484)
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**18**		7,500		7,500
Unrestricted funds			(11,706)		(10,984)
			(4,206)		(3,484)

FARSET LABS

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2021.

The directors 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 24 February 2022

Mr D Wylie
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI611278

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Farset Labs is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Unit 1 Weavers Court, Linfield Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT12 5GH, Northern Ireland.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has solid income moving forward and adequate arrangements with long term creditors. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

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 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.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity 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 charity 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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity 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.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the advancement of education and activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs;

- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

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:

Leasehold improvements	20% Straight Line
Plant and equipment	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and Fittings	20% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	20% Straight Line

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 net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity 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 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity 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 charity's balance sheet when the charity 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 charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,562	2,644

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Performance related grants	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	4,000	2,000	-	2,000
Restricted funds	-	-	7,500	7,500
Performance related grants				
University of Ulster	-	-	7,500	7,500
Queens University of Belfast	-	2,000	-	2,000
Halifax - Community Grants	4,000	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
	4,000	2,000	7,500	9,500

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020
	£	£
Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance a payment for goods and services	16,319	27,203
Event Charges	49	4,185
Shop income	110	896
Other trading activities	16,478	32,284

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	15	11

7 Other income

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Other income	-	520

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Trading costs		
Purchases	704	2,323
	704	2,323

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds 2020
	£	£
Programme Costs	458	4,099
Share of support costs (see note 10)	24,463	36,213
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	1,152	1,022
	26,073	41,334

10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	1,189	-	1,189	537	-	537
Establishment costs	20,586	-	20,586	26,161	-	26,161
Office costs	1,576	-	1,576	1,641	-	1,641
Advertising & Marketing	53	-	53	81	-	81
Bank fees	342	-	342	465	-	465
Travel costs	23	-	23	48	-	48
General expenses	694	-	694	7,280	-	7,280
Accountancy	-	1,152	1,152	-	1,022	1,022
	24,463	1,152	25,615	36,213	1,022	37,235
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	24,463	1,152	25,615	36,213	1,022	37,235

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 29 February 2020	221	1,815	1,212	1,642	4,890
Additions	-	4,167	-	-	4,167
At 28 February 2021	221	5,982	1,212	1,642	9,057
Depreciation and impairment					
At 29 February 2020	221	1,735	940	854	3,750
Depreciation charged in the year	-	853	139	197	1,189
At 28 February 2021	221	2,588	1,079	1,051	4,939
Carrying amount					
At 28 February 2021	-	3,394	133	591	4,118
At 28 February 2020	-	80	272	788	1,140

14 Debtors

	2021	2020
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	2,035	5,384

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Directors' loans	58	58
Payable within one year	58	58

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Borrowings	58	58
Trade creditors	882	5,281
Other creditors	37	37
Accruals and deferred income	1,152	810
	2,129	6,186

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	19,852	19,852

18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds	
	Incoming resources	Balance at 29 February 2020	Incoming resources	Balance at 28 February 2021
	£	£	£	£
University of Ulster - Future Screens NI	7,500	7,500	-	7,500

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	**Restricted Funds 2021**	**Total 2021**	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	4,118	-	4,118	1,140	-	1,140
Current assets/ (liabilities)	4,028	7,500	11,528	7,728	7,500	15,228
Long term liabilities	(19,852)	-	(19,852)	(19,852)	-	(19,852)
	(11,706)	7,500	(4,206)	(10,984)	7,500	(3,484)

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).