

Stage Beyond Theatre Company

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104959

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-03-14

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

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Activities

Purposes: Stage Beyond is established for the advancement of education, by developing the capacity and skills of adults and young people with a learning disability primarily, but not so as to exclude those with a physical or sensory disability (hereinafter called the "beneficiaries") in Northern Ireland and its environs (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") by the promotion of the arts among the beneficiaries and to promote capacity building among them and in particular: a) To promote the training and education of the beneficiaries in the arts of drama and its associated arts, skills and crafts connected with the theatre, and the performing arts; b) To promote capacity building among the beneficiaries in an effort to increase their confidence, well being, assertiveness, and so as to assist them to participate in the performing arts as amateurs, volunteers, students, trainees or employees and to lead a full and active life in the community and in society in general; c) To provide educational and recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare for the beneficiaries and so that their quality of life may be improved; And ancillary to the foregoing to promote the accessibility of drama and theatre for people with disabilities in general and to educate the general public about the creative and artistic abilities of people with disabilities.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Arts, Cultural, Disability, Education/training

Who the charity helps: General public, Learning disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£188,040	£151,767	£0	6

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Cara Mccartney		
Mr Francis O'hagan		
Mr Sean Sheridan		
Mrs Aileen Mccolgan		
Mrs Annamarie Barr		
Mrs Catriona Hinds		
Ms Bernie Shiels		
Ms Jennifer Goddard		
Ms Jennifer Ward		
Ms Lisa Heaney		
Ms Mari Mcelgunn		

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Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity Number NIC104959

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Achievements and performance

Stage Beyond had another very successful year. Apart from our outreach work we performed our show “Rom At The Inn”, our Christmas show at The Methodist Hall and performed our summer show “Access All Areas” at The Millennium Forum

Financial review

The charity had unrestricted reserves of £90,702 at 31 March 2025 (£61,929 – 2024).

The charity aims to hold 6 months running costs as reserves. This would be approximately £65,000.

Independent examiners

A resolution will be proposed at the AGM that Deborah O'Donnell Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as independent examiners to Stage Beyond Theatre Company for the ensuing year.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

Bernie Shiels
(Chair)

18 December 2025

Bernie Shiels

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
Receipts				
Arts Council		25,000	25,000	25,000
DCSDC		7,922	7,922	
Halifax		4,500	4,500	
WHSCT	72,681	10,000	82,681	54,638
Box Office				
Members' Fees	42,554	20,000	62,554	53,258
Fundraising and Other Receipts	5,383		5,383	3,080
	120,618	67,422	188,040	135,976
Payments				
Wages and Carers	71,740	30,000	101,740	110,586
Rent	9,158	1,000	10,158	11,950
Insurance	1,900		1,900	1,744
Show Expenses and Facilitators	3,242	27,422	30,664	30,324
Other Program Costs	1,033	500	1,533	4,322
Travel	171	500	671	1,782
Postage, telephone and stationery	1,242		1,242	793
Accountancy	750		750	750
Sundry Expenses	2,073	500	2,573	2,566
Depreciation	536		536	551
	91,845	59,922	151,767	165,368
Net Receipts/(Expenditure)	28,773	7,500	36,273	(29,392)
Funds brought forward	61,929	20,369	82,298	111,690
Total Funds Carried Forward	90,702	27,869	118,571	82,298

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Computer	1,609	-
Depreciation	(536)	
	1,073	
Current Assets		
Bank Current Account	113,487	74,667
Lotto Bank Account	4,014	8,759
Cash	747	
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	118,248	83,426
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	750	750
PAYE and NEST		378
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Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	117,498	82,298
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Net Assets/(Liabilities)	118,571	82,298
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The funds of the charity		
Funds brought forward	82,298	111,690
Net Receipts/(Expenditure)	36,273	(29,392)
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Total charity funds	118,571	82,298
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stage Beyond Theatre Company (charity number NIC104959) on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 3 and 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- ♦ examine the accounts under section 65 of the 2008 Act,
- ♦ to follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 65 of the 2008 Act), and
- ♦ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 18 December 2025

Deborah O'Donnell
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

Deborah O'Donnell
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Achievements and performance

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Financial review

The charity had unrestricted reserves of £60,399 at 31 March 2024 (£60,399 – 2023).

The charity aims to hold 6 months running costs as reserves. This would be approximately £65,000.

Independent examiners

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

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(Chair)

31 July 2024

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Last year 2023 £
Receipts				
Arts Council		25,000	25,000	25,000
Children In Need				10,500
Halifax				
WHSCT	54,638		54,638	46,685
Box Office				
Members' Fees	43,258	10,000	53,258	32,910
Fundraising and Other Receipts	3,080		3,080	3,362
	100,976	35,000	135,976	118,457
Payments				
Wages and Carers	80,586	30,000	110,586	82,998
Rent	4,450	7,500	11,950	6,779
Insurance	644	1,100	1,744	1,652
Show Expenses and Facilitators	11,324	19,000	30,324	29,993
Other Program Costs		4,322	4,322	23,785
Travel	1,032	750	1,782	2,140
Postage, telephone and stationery	43	750	793	1,309
Accountancy	750		750	750
Sundry Expenses	66	2,500	2,566	2,904
Depreciation	551		551	559
	99,446	65,922	165,368	152,869
Net Receipts/(Expenditure)	1,530	(30,922)	(29,392)	(34,412)
Funds brought forward	60,399	51,291	111,690	146,102
Total Funds Carried Forward	61,929	20,369	82,298	111,690

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Computer	-	551
Current Assets		
Bank Current Account	74,667	105,246
Lotto Bank Account	8,759	6,987
Other debtor		
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	83,426	112,233
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	750	700
PAYE and NEST	378	394
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Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	82,298	111,139
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Net Assets/(Liabilities)	82,298	111,690
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The funds of the charity		
Funds brought forward	111,690	146,102
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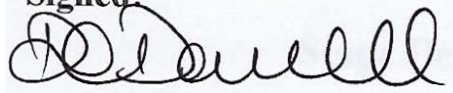
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Annual report

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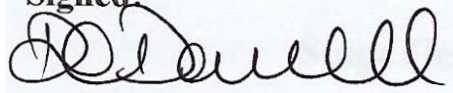
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Signed:

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Date: 31 July 2024

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Achievements and performance

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Financial review

The charity had unrestricted reserves of £60,399 at 31 March 2023 (£57,611 – 2022).

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Independent examiners

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Receipts				
Arts Council		25,000	25,000	25,750
Heritage Lottery Fund				
Children In Need		10,500	10,500	10,000
Derry City Council				689
CFNI				
Foyle Foundation				
Halifax				
WHSCT	46,685		46,685	27,445
Box Office				
Members' Fees	22,910	10,000	32,910	57,523
Fundraising and Other Receipts	3,362		3,362	1,918
	72,957	45,500	118,457	123,325
Payments				
Wages and Carers	47,998	35,000	82,998	65,662
Rent	1,779	5,000	6,779	13,211
Insurance	552	1,100	1,652	1,425
Show Expenses and Facilitators	9,993	20,000	29,993	36,891
Other Program Costs	3,785	20,000	23,785	21,103
Travel	1,390	750	2,140	1,811
Postage, telephone and stationery	459	850	1,309	1,391
Accountancy	750		750	750
Sundry Expenses	2,904		2,904	655
Depreciation	559		559	367
	70,169	82,700	152,869	143,266
Net Receipts/(Expenditure)	2,788	(37,200)	(34,412)	(19,941)
Funds brought forward	57,611	88,491	146,102	166,043
Total Funds Carried Forward	60,399	51,291	111,690	146,102

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Computer	551	536
Current Assets		
Bank Current Account	105,246	153,133
Lotto Bank Account	6,987	7,456
Other debtor		
	<u>112,233</u>	<u>160,589</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	700	14,711
PAYE and NEST	394	312
	<u>111,139</u>	<u>145,566</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>116,690</u>	<u>146,102</u>
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The funds of the charity		
Funds brought forward	146,102	166,043
Net Receipts/(Expenditure)	(34,412)	(19,941)
Total charity funds	<u>116,690</u>	<u>146,102</u>

Approved by the trustees on 20 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by

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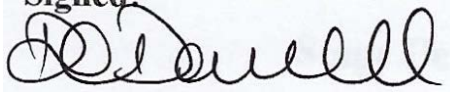
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Date: 20 December 2023

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Stage Beyond Theatre Company

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104959

Annual report

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Independent examiners report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administration details

<u>Charity Name</u>	Stage Beyond Theatre Company
<u>Other names known by</u>	Stage Beyond
<u>Charity Number</u>	NIC104959
<u>Principal Address</u>	The Millennium Forum 6 Newmarket Street Derry BT48 6EB
<u>Independent Examiner</u>	Deborah O'Donnell Deborah O'Donnell Chartered Accountants Unit 36 Templemore Business Park Derry BT48 0LD
<u>Bankers</u>	Bank of Ireland 15 Strand Road Derry BT48 7BT
<u>Trustees</u>	
Bernie Shiels	Chair
Sean Sheridan	Treasurer
Jennifer Ward	Secretary
Lisa Heaney	
Anne Marie Barr	
Cara McCartney	
Dr Jenn Goddard	
Catriona Hinds	
Marie McIvor	

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its constitution and is constituted as a trust. Trustees are appointed and meet no less than 6 times per year.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to advance the education, by developing the capacity and skills of adults and young people with a learning disability (the beneficiaries) primarily, but not so as to exclude those with a physical or sensory disability in Northern Ireland and its environs by the promotion of the arts among the beneficiaries and to promote capacity building among them and in particular;

- a) to promote the training and education of the beneficiaries in the arts of drama and its associated arts, skills and crafts connected with the theatre, and the performing arts;
- b) to promote capacity-building among the beneficiaries in an effort to increase their confidence, well-being, assertiveness, and so as to assist them to participate in the performing arts as amateurs, volunteers, students, trainees or employees and to lead a full and active life in the community and in society in general;
- c) to provide educational and recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare for the beneficiaries and so that their quality of life may be improved;

and ancillary to the foregoing to promote the accessibility of drama and theatre for people with disabilities in general and to educate the general public about the creative and artistic abilities of people with disabilities.

Achievements and performance

Stage Beyond had another very successful year. Apart from our outreach work we performed and toured with our show, an adaptation of Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator".

Financial review

The charity had unrestricted reserves of £60,399 at 31 March 2023 (£57,611 – 2022).

The charity aims to hold 6 months running costs as reserves. This would be approximately £65,000.

Independent examiners

A resolution will be proposed at the AGM that Deborah O'Donnell Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as independent examiners to Stage Beyond Theatre Company for the ensuing year.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

Bernie Shiels
(Chair)

20 December 2023

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Stage Beyond Theatre Company

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104959

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stage Beyond Theatre Company (charity number NIC104959) on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 3 and 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- ♦ examine the accounts under section 65 of the 2008 Act,
- ♦ to follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 65 of the 2008 Act), and
- ♦ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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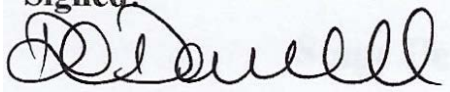
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