

THE GOLIATH TRUST

Report of the Trustee

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's mission statement is as follows:

"To raise funds to provide targeted extra financial support for primary schools serving disadvantaged communities in Belfast, in order that educational outcomes in those schools are significantly improved"

The key strategic objectives set for the year are:

1. To encourage pupils, teachers and parents to aspire individually and collectively to improved educational achievement and better educational outcomes so that life can be better for those who are currently disadvantaged.
2. To work with school principals and teachers to motivate pupils to improve school attendance and to sponsor school-based reward schemes for the pupils with high levels of attendance.
3. To provide additional, specialist training for teachers, in order to maximise the use of all the available, technology and digital devices, so as to improve the education of pupils in a range of I.T. skills.
4. To organise meetings, workshops and seminars where teachers from schools in disadvantaged areas can come together to discuss the challenges that they face and share best practice in finding solutions to the problems and issues that they face.
5. To provide, assistance, in terms of small amounts of finance both to set up and to sustain parent engagement initiatives in schools where appropriate
6. To provide assistance in in terms of small amounts of finance both to set up and to sustain special nurture units in schools that have identified them as a need.
7. To continue to work with educators in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Belfast to find ways to improve circumstances and enhance the personal development of the pupils under their care.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source of the charity is through donations from individuals and businesses who support our objectives.

Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3- and 6-months expenditure.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity is committed to the continued provision of current services and support to primary schools, subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 25th August 2017.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Memorandum lists the company's objects as the advancement of community development for the public benefit in Education, in particular but not exclusively by any or all of the following means:

- (i) supporting and developing the work of school principals, teachers and parents through charitable activity which seeks to improve the quality of life of the citizens of the area of benefit;
- (ii) Raising educational outcome expectations in both pupils and parents.
- (iii) Building mutually beneficial linkages between donor companies and recipient schools.
- (iv) Increasing the knowledge and I.T. capacity of individual citizens growing up in disadvantaged communities.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's articles of association shall manage the business of the company and exercise all powers of the company. At each annual general meeting one third of the directors retire by rotation. Due to the nature of the charity's work the trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the community are appropriately reflected through the diversity of trustees. To enhance this, trustees are sought who can demonstrate interest and understanding of the charity's work.

Organisational structure

The Charity is managed by a voluntary board of members. The board oversees the Charity through a general manager who has designated responsibility for its day to day operational management, individual supervision of staff where appropriate and ensuring that the team continues to develop their skills and working performance in line with good practice. The financial aspect of the charity is managed by the charity's finance committee whose function is to monitor and report to the board to enable it to make informed funding decisions for the charity not only for the present but also in ensuring its objectives are sustained going forward.

Related parties

There are no related parties within the financial year under review.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI647635 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

107956

Registered office

St Mark's Rectory
119 Ligoniel Road
Belfast
Co. Antrim
BT14 8DN

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Trustees

Dr A McDonnell Retired GP, Politician
R T Hayden Public Affairs/ PR Consultant /Treasurer
The Rt Rev A F Abernethy Retired Bishop
Ms M D McDonald Retired
P Crawford Head Of Creative Learning, Lyric Theatre
Lady D Trimble Retired
Ms T Galvin Education Developer
Mrs M E Madden Retired
Ms S Scott Teacher
R A Dunlop Retired
J J M O'Boyle Teacher
MS V Parr Teacher

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



The Rt Rev A F Abernethy -

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Balance Sheet 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	31/8/23 £	31/8/22 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		20,019	30,843
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(300)	(300)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>19,719</u>	<u>30,543</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>19,719</u>	<u>30,543</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>19,719</u>	<u>30,543</u>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds:			
Unrestricted		19,719	26,501
Restricted funds		-	4,042
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>19,719</u>	<u>30,543</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



A F Abernethy - Trustee