

Annual Report of the Trustees of Music Not Limits (MNL) for the period ending May 2024

2023-2024

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 May 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).

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

N1679074 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

109276

Registered office

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Trustees

Dr M C McBride
RE Hunt
Mrs M Powell (resigned 28.11.23)
Mrs R A Kelly (resigned 28.11.23)
C McGerrigan (appointed 28.11.23)
M Nugent (appointed 28.11.23)

Independent Examiner
WHR Accountants Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditors
56 English Street
Armagh
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Achievements and Activities

1. MNL delivered a number of music, performance and skills workshops and created numerous opportunities musical endeavor for our beneficiaries. As a result, musicians performed at multiple events across two festivals and were featured on television and radio.
2. MNL partnered in the delivery of a novel intergenerational music project whereby young musicians participated and assisted in delivering educational workshops for older musicians.
3. MNL delivered a series of music composition, expression, and movement workshops for adults with acquired brain injuries in partnership with The Brain Injury Foundation for use with poetry written by participants and for a dance element of the project.
4. Through volunteer admin/performer recruitment, MNL increased its capacity by 100% for the coming year.

Events Organized/Participated in by Music Not Limits:

1. **Home of St. Patrick's Festival:** The annual Home of St. Patrick's Festival in Armagh in March 2024 featured young musicians who performed a set of live music. Funding was received from Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council for the event.
2. **Home of St. Patrick's Festival:** Young musicians helped deliver an intergenerational education workshop. Funding was received from Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council for the event.
3. **The Brain Injury Foundation:** MNL worked with the Brain Injury Foundation to design and deliver music workshops as part of a larger expression through the arts project. This project was funded by the Brain Injury Foundation with the Support of the Arts Council for Northern Ireland.
4. **Music at Triple A:** Music Not Limits facilitated a series of intergenerational participation-based performances of music and dance for the Triple A (Adults with Autism Armagh) organisation. These events, delivered at Sherry's Field recreation facility in Armagh, provided participants the opportunity to engage with musical endeavors, including trying out instruments, singing, playing, and dancing. MNL volunteers were the main performers at the event.
5. **Fleadh:** MNL provided an intergenerational music performance on the float and stage at this large international event.
6. **Summer in the City:** MNL provided an intergenerational music performance at Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council's Summer Festival based in Armagh City.

Financial Review

MNL posted a deficit of £641.00 however the income of the charity increased during this period. Given the increased income and capacity in this period, there are no current uncertainties regarding the charity's sustainability, and further grant funding projects and applications are underway.

Assets

We currently have no assets and hope to acquire the following assets in the coming period to enable effective project delivery:

- Musical instruments
- Costumes

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects

1. To advance education including all forms of performing and visual art with special reference to the disciplines of music, song, poetry, and storytelling;
2. To advance the arts, culture, heritage, and science;
3. To relieve those in need by reason of disability, financial hardship, youth, age, ill health or other disadvantage by improving access to education especially in the areas of the arts, culture heritage and science;
4. To promote good physical and mental health and relieve physical and mental disability by providing or assisting in providing music, song, poetry, and storytelling;
5. To advance human rights, conflict resolution, reconciliation and promote equality and diversity;
6. To promote community development and provide opportunities for social, artistic, and cultural interaction;
7. To promote any other charitable purpose as may from time to time be determined by the Directors/Trustees.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees can confirm that this charity has complied with the requirement of the Charity Commission on the Public benefit and its activities in the year 2023-2024 has been in accordance with those purposes.

We have strived to increase access to musical endeavor for beneficiaries through music, dance, and the arts, regardless of disadvantage whether economic, through disability, or otherwise. Through our activities for this period, MNL has helped to:

- Increase access to education and educational resources, particularly in the areas of arts, culture, and heritage for those beneficiaries disadvantaged by way of financial hardship, disability, age, or otherwise.
- Increase access to opportunities for musical and artistic endeavor and by extension greater appreciation of the arts, culture, and heritage, and science. We have created opportunities to take part in and experience arts, culture, and heritage-related events which has increased the well-being of beneficiaries.
- In taking part in community festivals and events, we played a significant role in creating a happier and more harmonious society through civic interactions and therefore promoted community development and provided opportunities for social,

artistic, and cultural interaction and a greater sense of community cohesion and social well-being. We did this with a focus on including those disadvantaged from accessing education and opportunities for community and artistic, cultural, and heritage-related endeavor by reason of financial hardship, disability, age, or otherwise.

- Ancillary, our volunteers report positive emotion and 'feelgood' through preparing materials and delivering educational, artistic, and cultural activities.
- We also deliver on our public benefits in a fun-filled way, thus helping participants enjoy connecting with the arts in a way that relieves stress as well as providing (where appropriate) opportunities for physical activity resulting in better physical and mental well-being.

Summary of Activities:

1. Imparting education in the arts, particularly music education and performance.
2. Promoting musical and artistic culture through music at events.
3. Celebrating heritage through performances at festivals.
4. Celebrating spoken word at Festival.
5. Helping other organizations in their fundraising efforts.

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