

Annual Report 2023-2024

Successful Aspects of the Project

Sadly, we must report the loss of our Manager Elaine Davis who passed away in July 2023. This was not only a great loss to us personally but also to the charity which she founded in 2005, and to the community, families, and Children. Elaine has left a great legacy behind, one that the trustees, staff and volunteers aim to continue and build on for future generations.

Successful aspects of the project are that socially disadvantaged children and families who were at risk of further emotional stress have had better:

- Emotional wellbeing
- Mental Health
- Self esteem
- Nutrition

This has been due to dedication of staff and volunteers and the grants which have helped us to remain open and deliver our services to those who need to access physical, financial, or emotional support. It has also helped continuation of specialist support for them to attend our family support 'Learning through play' sessions and access our Baby bank project. We continue to provide positive attention in a nurturing, non-judgemental environment, and guided development of parenting and coping skills for the future. Splice is embedded within the local community and across the whole of the county and through the range of activities offered, provides resources for those who live there. It has helped us to make the community a better place for families to live and thrive, where people are treated fairly and enabled to develop to their own individual potential.

Further success has been seen through our collaboration with 'Slade Farm Organics' – a local farm who continued to partner with Splice in their Community Supported Agriculture scheme.

Over 20-week period 12 families and their children benefitted by receiving a bag of organically grown seasonal vegetables, which were financed by their customers and by raising funds at an open day at the farm. Parents have stated that their family's daily diet had improved greatly during this period. Many said that they would never have been able to afford the wide range and diversity of vegetables, and that the children's diet had improved with the addition of vegetables that they would not be able to afford. The health and well-being of the families taking part in the



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collaboration benefitted due to having the chance to visit the farm where their vegetables were grown and participate in 'Seed to Harvest' workshops which inspired some of the families to try and grow their own vegetables at home.

Our 'Splice Baby Bank.' project continues to grow and has become a much-needed resource for families who are experiencing financial hardship. They can access essential items needed for their babies/children e.g., nappies, milk formula, baby foods, baby toiletries, as well as sanitary products, and maternity products for parents/carers. We are also able to supply larger items such as prams, pushchairs cots etc due to the generosity of the wider public who donate their unwanted items for us to pass on to families in need. Pre-filled Moses Baskets are also available for new mums, these come complete with all the items needed for the first few weeks of the new-born's life. This service is also used by professionals: Health visitors, Midwives, Children's Services, Support Workers from across the borough who refer families that they are working with to the baby bank, Splice is often described as a lifeline by professionals and families as there is no other service like this available within the whole of the County Borough.

We were delighted to receive funding from the Welsh Government and National Grid to run a warm hubs within our community building twice weekly during January through to March and we were able to create an accessible, warm environment to help reduce the cost of heating in the family's or individuals own homes to help those facing fuel poverty and provide a friendly warm group where individuals could meet, learn new skills, or just relax together, therefore also helping to relieve loneliness and isolation. We also were able to provide 100 families with a warm home pack consisting of radiator foil, draught excluders, fleece blankets helping to reduce household bills.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Our monitoring and evaluation processes reveal that children's well-being cannot be addressed in isolation. Children thrive when their needs are supported by their parents or primary caregivers and by the environment in which they live. Therefore, we will aim to promote the well-being of families and communities alongside the well-being of children. While families hold the primary responsibility for the protection, upbringing, and development of children, parents and legal guardians often require support from various additional services. Universal services, such as education and healthcare, play a key role in meeting children's needs. Some



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children may also need specialized assistance, such as speech therapy or emotional and behavioural support programs. Some parents/caregivers may face challenges that reduce their ability to nurture children effectively, and issues such as poor mental health, substance misuse, or environmental factors like inadequate housing or unsafe neighbourhoods can impact parenting capacity. Some families experience challenges across multiple domains. Therefore, it is more effective to provide services that support parents, families, and communities rather than focusing solely on the children.

Outcomes

Our outcomes are centered around creating a world that is fit for children. The United Nations defines this as promoting the physical, psychological, spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, and cultural development of children as a national and global priority. Various interventions have demonstrated positive outcomes and improvements in the well-being of both parents and children. However, evidence suggests that these benefits are more likely to be sustained when communities are actively involved in the process of change. In fact, 98% of very poor families have noted a link between poverty, powerlessness, and low self-esteem. Empowering communities to shape and direct their own well-being programs has proven to be a powerful catalyst for change. This approach has enabled families to take control of their lives and build the confidence to improve their circumstances and those of their children. As a result, significant improvements have been observed in children's behaviour, adults' parenting skills, and social and emotional functioning.

Benefits accrued for the programme as whole.

One of the key benefits of the project has been the establishment of strong communication between service users and providers. Engaging families in the planning, development, and evaluation of services is essential, and their perspectives are never overlooked. This approach applies to everyone, including young people and those with disabilities. Only the individuals who use a service can fully understand their experience and the benefits they gained from it. Their reflections provide valuable insights that help us evaluate and enhance our services. Feedback from users plays a crucial role in shaping planned improvements to service delivery. Effective communication with service users is integral to improving the well-being of children and families within our community.

Benefits accrued for the children.



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Conclusion

We have significantly enhanced the health and well-being of families and children under school age, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. These improvements provide children with greater opportunities to thrive at home and in school. Moving forward, we will continue to: - Promote social and emotional development - Enhance health and well-being - Support children's learning and development - Help to relieve financial hardship – Offer emotional and practical support to struggling families - Strengthen families and communities.

A Big Thank you to all our Funders.

BBC Children In Need
Community Foundation Wales
National Grid
Millenium Stadium Trust
Rotary Bridgend
Families First
Welsh Government, BCBC – Managed by BAVO

Awards for All
Save the Children
Masonic Foundation
Local Giving – Magic Little Grants
Woodward Trust
Slade Farm Organics

Also to anyone who has donated money, baby essentials, baby equipment, clothing, food etc.,

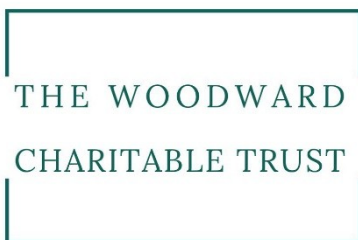


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Save the Children.



Thank you also to anyone has hosted and donated to our community collection tins.

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Directors and other information

Directors	Mr Mark Davis Mr Kyle Morgan Mr Gerald O'Sullivan
Company number	05828426
Registered office	North Avenue Kenfig Hill Bridgend CF33 6ND
Business address	Community Based Centre North Avenue Kenfig Hill Bridgend CF33 6ND
Accountants	Francis Davies and Partners Ltd Cradoc House Heol y Llyfrau Aberkenfig Bridgend CF32 9PL
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**Report to the board of directors on the preparation of the
unaudited statutory financial statements of Splice Child and Family Project Ltd
Year ended 30 April 2024**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Splice Child and Family Project Ltd for the year ended 30 April 2024 which comprise the income statement, statement of financial position and related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants , we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/en/member/professional-standards/rules-standards/acca-rulebook.html>.

Our work has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at http://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Technical/fact/technical-factsheet-163.pdf.

Francis Davies and Partners Ltd
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4 November 2024

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**Income statement
Year ended 30 April 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	77,869	79,882
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(13,302)	(10,400)
Staff costs	(51,551)	(48,824)
Other charges	(18,403)	(17,454)
(Loss)/profit	<u>(5,387)</u>	<u>3,204</u>

Splice Child and Family Project Ltd
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Statement of financial position
30 April 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	30,236		36,119	
Prepayments and accrued income	916		940	
	<u> </u>	31,152	<u> </u>	37,059
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(291)		(725)
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Net current assets		<u>30,861</u>		<u>36,334</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>30,861</u>		<u>36,334</u>
Net assets		<u><u>30,861</u></u>		<u><u>36,334</u></u>
Capital and reserves		<u><u>30,861</u></u>		<u><u>36,334</u></u>

Notes to the financial statements

1. Employee numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year amounted to 4 (2023: 5).

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**Statement of financial position (continued)
Year ended 30 April 2024**

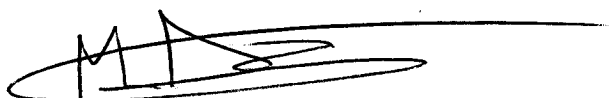
For the year ending 30 April 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 4 November 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Davis', written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within an oval shape.

Mr Mark Davis
Director

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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Detailed income statement
Year ended 30 April 2024

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Turnover		
Restricted Funding	37,803	51,516
Donations and Fundraising	40,066	28,366
	<u>77,869</u>	<u>79,882</u>
 Cost of raw materials and consumables		
Grant Expenditure	(13,302)	(10,400)
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 Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	(49,737)	(47,106)
Staff pension costs - defined contribution	(1,814)	(1,718)
	<u>(51,551)</u>	<u>(48,824)</u>
 Other charges		
Rent payable	(2,100)	(2,100)
Water Rates	(290)	(260)
Insurance	(817)	(1,029)
Light and heat	(4,010)	(3,723)
Cleaning	(696)	(564)
Repairs and maintenance	(148)	-
Printing, postage and stationery	(560)	(601)
Advertising	(70)	(23)
Telephone	(602)	(432)
Computer costs and website	(564)	(303)
Motor expenses	(1,436)	(1,440)
Resources craft & stationery	(59)	(141)
Legal and professional	(290)	(325)
Adminstrator Fees	(5,796)	(5,690)
Bank charges	(146)	(136)
Childrens Snacks	(80)	(273)
Staff training	(90)	-
General expenses	(46)	(2)
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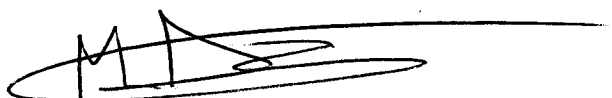
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