TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & IMPACT REVIEW 2025

Closing the digital divide. Building skills. Helping children navigate the online world safely.

Technology should create opportunity, not inequality.

Every Child Online turns donated and surplus technology into practical support for children, young people, families, schools and community organisations across the UK. Our work combines digital inclusion with skills, education and online safety.

Registered charity 1197240 | Reporting year: 1 January to 31 December 2025

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1 / THE CHARITY

Reference and administrative information

Charity name and number	Every Child Online | 1197240
Legal form	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Reporting period	1 January to 31 December 2025
Governing document	Constitution dated 31 October 2021
Registered with the Charity Commission	21 December 2021
Principal address during the reporting year	Suite B, 15 Buckwins Square, Burnt Mills Industrial Estate, Basildon, Essex, SS13 1BJ
Chief Executive and Founder	Michael Tarbard
Accountancy partner / independent examination	Brooms Professional Services Limited, Broom House, 39/43 London Road, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 2QL
Bankers	Barclays Bank -
Website	www.everychildonline.co.uk

Trustees named for the reporting period

The following individuals served as trustees of Every Child Online during the financial year ended 31 December 2025:

- Simon Gurner, Chair of Trustees
- Ethan Roberts, Trustee
- Elsa Nathan, Trustee
- Melanie Hall, Trustee

All four trustees are recorded as serving during 2025, with no appointments or resignations identified in the available Board meeting records for that year.

2 / CHAIR'S REVIEW

A message from our Chair

2025 showed what can happen when businesses, schools, funders, community organisations and volunteers work around a simple idea: technology that one organisation no longer needs can still have enormous value to somebody else.

Every Child Online continued to help children and young people gain access to technology, but the year also demonstrated that digital inclusion cannot stop at handing over a device. Access needs to be matched by confidence, skills and an understanding of the risks that come with life online.

Digital inclusion remains our core purpose. The work starts with getting suitable technology to children and young people who need it. Safe & Smart adds online-safety education to that access, while our placements and community work create opportunities to build skills and confidence.

The trustees are grateful to the businesses that donated technology, the funders that backed our programmes, our delivery partners and the staff and volunteers who turned those resources into tangible support.

A donated device is only the beginning. Its real value lies in the lesson a child can join, the work a young person can create, or the contact a vulnerable person can maintain. That is the value our partners help us deliver.

Simon Gurner



Chair of Trustees

3 / MANAGEMENT REVIEW

CEO review

The practical work at the heart of Every Child Online is straightforward to describe and demanding to deliver: collect surplus technology, prepare it securely for reuse, and get it to the children, young people and organisations that need it.

Digital inclusion is not a small project within the charity. It is why we exist. Our support reaches through schools, charities, social services and community partners, including organisations using technology for learning, music production and contact with vulnerable young people.

In 2025 we continued to supply thousands of refurbished devices through that wider work. Alongside it, we developed our online-safety response through Safe & Smart. Devices remove a barrier to access. Online-safety education helps people understand and manage the risks that access can bring.

Our partner model matters because trusted frontline organisations already know the families and young people who need help. We can support that work without trying to duplicate it. Strengthening existing relationships is as important as adding new partners.

Safe & Smart Online was another major step. With funding support, we took online safety into schools, community events and family conversations, while developing resources designed for children, teenagers and parents. The project gives us a platform to do something distinctive: connect digital inclusion with digital safety rather than treating them as separate problems.

There is still a great deal to do. Demand remains high, our impact measurement needs to become more systematic, and growth places pressure on people, premises and systems. Those are real operational challenges, not footnotes. They are also evidence that the model is being used and needs to mature.

Our priority is to build that capacity without losing the practical, local and responsive approach that got us here.

Michael Tarbard



CEO & Founder

4 / GOVERNANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Structure, governance and management

Every Child Online is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under charity number 1197240. It is governed by its constitution, which sets out the charity's objects, powers, trustee arrangements and decision-making framework.

Trustee responsibilities and delegation

The Board of Trustees sets the charity's strategic direction, oversees risk and financial stewardship and remains ultimately responsible for governance. Day-to-day management and delivery are delegated to the Chief Executive and staff team within authorities approved by the trustees. Material financial decisions, budgets and significant changes remain subject to trustee oversight in accordance with the charity's governance and financial controls.

The Board retains collective responsibility for the charity. Delegating day-to-day work to the Chief Executive or delegating financial oversight does not transfer that responsibility.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Every Child Online seeks to maintain a Board of Trustees with the appropriate skills, experience and commitment to provide effective governance, strategic direction and oversight of the charity's activities.

Prospective trustees may be identified through personal recommendations, professional referrals, self-referrals or open recruitment. Recruitment is informed by the skills and expertise required to support the charity's objectives and future development.

As part of the selection process, prospective trustees receive an overview of the charity's operations, programmes and strategic priorities from the Chief Executive. Candidates also meet with at least two existing Board members before an appointment is considered.

The charity's governing constitution provides for a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve trustees, with appointments made in accordance with its provisions.

During 2025, the Board reviewed its membership and identified the need to strengthen its financial governance expertise through the recruitment of a Trustee Treasurer. Trustees also considered appointing additional members with relevant professional experience to support the charity's continued development.

The charity remains committed to recruiting trustees who can contribute independent judgement, appropriate professional expertise and effective oversight, while acting in the best interests of the charity and its beneficiaries

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Induction, learning and support

Every Child Online recognises that effective trusteeship requires more than professional experience. It also requires a genuine commitment to the charity's purpose, an understanding of the communities it serves and a willingness to contribute to its long-term development.

During 2025, the charity began placing greater emphasis on identifying potential trustees from individuals who had already supported its work, demonstrated reliability and commitment, and developed a practical understanding of its programmes and objectives.

This approach enables the charity to build relationships with prospective trustees before considering formal appointments. It provides opportunities for individuals to understand the organisation's operations, challenges and ambitions, while allowing the existing Board to assess their suitability, contribution and alignment with the charity's values.

Although relevant professional skills and experience remain important, the charity believes that an established understanding of its work, combined with independent judgement and a genuine commitment to its beneficiaries, provides a strong foundation for effective trusteeship.

Prospective trustees are introduced to the charity's governance responsibilities, financial oversight, safeguarding obligations and operational activities. The charity's induction framework also addresses health and safety, employment matters, conflicts of interest and the legal responsibilities associated with trusteeship.

The Board continues to develop its recruitment and induction arrangements to ensure that new trustees are appropriately informed, supported and equipped to contribute effectively to the charity's governance and strategic direction.

Board oversight during 2025

During 2025, Every Child Online held three recorded meetings of its Board of Trustees, on 28 February, 27 June and 17 October. These meetings provided opportunities for trustees to review the charity's financial position, operational performance, funding opportunities, strategic development and charitable activities.

The Board continued to strengthen the charity's governance arrangements throughout the year, with particular attention given to financial oversight, expenditure authorisation and financial reporting. Trustees agreed improvements to payment approval procedures, including additional trustee oversight of expenditure and a formal spending approval threshold.

Recruitment of a dedicated Trustee Treasurer remained a priority, alongside consideration of additional trustees with relevant professional expertise. Interim bookkeeping arrangements were introduced to support the charity's developing financial administration.

The Board also reviewed the charity's expanding programmes, including Safe & Smart Online, Mobile Lifeline, Tech Give Away Days and community digital inclusion initiatives. Trustees supported the development of new funding partnerships and the use of specialist assistance for major grant applications.

Further governance improvements included arrangements for trustee review and approval of public communications, alongside continued oversight of the charity's annual reporting obligations.

The trustees serving during the year were Simon Gurner (Chair), Ethan Roberts, Melanie Hall and Elsa Nathan.

4 / GOVERNANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Financial stewardship and connected organisations

Financial controls

Every Child Online recognises the importance of sound financial management, transparency and accountability in protecting charitable funds and maintaining the confidence of its supporters, partners and beneficiaries.

The Board of Trustees retains overall responsibility for the charity's financial stewardship, including oversight of budgets, expenditure, financial reporting and the appropriate use of charitable resources. Day-to-day financial management is delegated to the Chief Executive within agreed authorisation arrangements, with significant expenditure and financial commitments subject to trustee oversight.

During 2025, the charity continued to seek a suitably qualified Trustee Treasurer to strengthen the Board's financial expertise. Despite ongoing recruitment efforts, the position remained unfilled. To ensure that the charity continued to receive appropriate professional financial support, Every Child Online maintained its relationship with an external accountancy practice.

The charity's professional accountants provide essential services, including payroll administration, year-end accounts preparation and financial reporting support. Their involvement provides continuity and specialist expertise while the charity continues its efforts to recruit a Trustee Treasurer.

Financial governance was an important area of development during 2025. The trustees reviewed expenditure authorisation procedures and strengthened arrangements for the independent approval of significant spending commitments. These improvements were intended to increase accountability, provide additional oversight and ensure that financial decisions were appropriately documented.

Looking ahead to 2026, the accountants' responsibilities have expanded to include ongoing bookkeeping, financial record management and support with VAT accounting and compliance. This development is intended to improve the accuracy, consistency and timeliness of financial information available to management and trustees.

The charity remains committed to strengthening its financial governance as its activities and operational responsibilities continue to grow.

Reserves policy

The charity's policy is to work towards unrestricted free reserves equivalent to three months of core operating expenditure. The purpose is to protect essential services against interruptions in income, delays in receipts and unexpected costs. Core expenditure includes staffing, premises, refurbishment operations and essential overheads.

Use of reserves is subject to trustee approval. The target is reviewed as income, costs and operational risks change. The year-end financial position and the outstanding reserves reconciliation are set out in the Financial Review.

Everyone Digital CIC

Every Child Online works alongside Everyone Digital CIC, a separate community interest company established to provide operational IT asset disposal services. The relationship supports secure collections, data erasure, refurbishment and responsible end-of-life processing while helping create a sustainable route for technology to generate community benefit.

The charity and CIC remain separate legal entities. Governance, conflicts of interest, asset ownership, cost allocation and transactions between the organisations require clear documentation and trustee oversight. This will remain an important governance focus as the operating model develops.

Conflicts of interest and related parties

Transactions involving a trustee, a connected business or another related party require particular scrutiny. Interests must be disclosed and decisions properly authorised and recorded. The charity's interests, the constitution and the terms of any relevant authority must govern those decisions. Related-party disclosures must agree with the final accounts.

4 / GOVERNANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Principal risks and governance safeguards

The trustees are responsible for identifying and managing the principal risks that could affect the charity's ability to deliver its purposes. Key areas of oversight include financial resilience and cash flow, safeguarding, information security and data protection, secure handling and erasure of donated technology, health and safety, operational capacity, reputational risk, dependency on key partners and the governance of relationships with connected or related organisations.

The following areas bring together the charity's principal risk priorities and the controls to be reviewed by the Board. They describe the focus of oversight; the final account of controls operating in 2025 must be supported by the risk register and relevant records.

Risk area	Oversight and control priorities
Safeguarding	Clear responsibilities, safer working practices, reporting routes and partner protocols for work involving children and vulnerable people.
Information security	Secure custody, controlled access, appropriate data erasure, certificates and records for donated equipment.
Financial resilience	Budgets, cash-flow monitoring, restricted-fund controls, donor concentration and adequate free reserves.
Operational capacity	Collections, storage, stock control, refurbishment capacity, safe working and dependence on key people.
Impact evidence	Consistent definitions, annual reconciliation and separation of devices, people, partner reach and online-safety activity.
Connected organisations	Documented service arrangements, management of conflicts, clear cost and asset allocation, and appropriate disclosures.

Date and outcome of the Board's 2025 risk review:

Custodian and other governance disclosures

During the financial year ended 31 December 2025, Every Child Online did not hold any funds or assets as custodian trustee on behalf of another charity. The charity had no corporate trustees and no separate trustees appointed to hold legal title to property or other assets on its behalf.

No disclosure exemptions relating to these arrangements were applicable.

5 / PURPOSE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

Objectives, activities and public benefit

Our charitable purpose

> *"For the public benefit, the prevention or relief of poverty by providing refurbished laptops to children and young adults in need so they can access educational materials and online classes to enable them to study from home."*

Digital inclusion is the core activity through which we pursue that purpose. We collect and refurbish donated technology and work with schools, charities, social services and community organisations to get suitable equipment to children and young adults who need it.

Activities in support of that purpose

Our wider work links access to technology with connectivity, online-safety education and opportunities to develop skills. Mobile Lifeline addresses the need for a working phone and connection. Safe & Smart provides online-safety guidance. Work placements and creative reuse give participants practical experience while supporting the reuse of donated equipment.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when setting the charity's priorities and reviewing its activities. In particular, they consider how programmes reach children and young people experiencing digital exclusion, how support is targeted through organisations able to identify need, and how the charity's resources can produce identifiable educational, social and wider community benefit.

Working through trusted partners helps identify need and connects device support with the wider help a young person or family may already receive. Our intended benefit is practical: access to learning materials, communication, creative tools and opportunities to participate more fully.

Trustees ensure that all activities and allocations of charitable resources remain within the charity's objects, including where wider community or adult volunteering programmes support the delivery model.

6 / FROM SURPLUS TECHNOLOGY TO OPPORTUNITY

Our model and programme portfolio

Every Child Online connects businesses with technology they no longer need to children, young people and frontline organisations that can put it to use. Our projects perform different jobs within that model. The core is digital inclusion; online safety, skills and creative reuse add further value.

Programme area	Projects and purpose
Provide IT equipment	Digital inclusion partnerships, Tech Give Away Days and Mobile Lifeline: suitable devices and connectivity through trusted organisations and community delivery.
Receive, wipe, restore, recycle	IT Full Circle and Pass IT On: engage businesses and employees in donating surplus technology for secure processing and reuse.
Support our community	Student Work Placements, Stepping Stone and CRE8: practical experience, supported participation and creative reuse.
Educate	Safe & Smart, Fetes & Fairs and developing Community Outreach: online-safety awareness and support to build confidence using technology.

Access. Connect. Protect. Empower. Reuse.
Our projects connect the practical work of collecting and preparing equipment with the access, confidence, safety and opportunities that technology can support.

Working through others, not duplicating them

Digital exclusion is not experienced in isolation. It often sits alongside financial pressure, housing insecurity, educational disadvantage, disability, family crisis or other circumstances where a school, charity, local service or community organisation already has a trusted relationship with the person who needs support.

The partner supplies the knowledge of local need. Every Child Online supplies suitable technology and a practical reuse route. That combination allows a donated device to support an existing service rather than requiring a family to navigate another organisation on its own.

7 / OUR CORE WORK

Achievements and performance: digital inclusion

Digital inclusion at the heart of our work.
Suitable technology can unlock learning, communication and creative opportunity. Supplying it through schools, charities, social services and community organisations is the core of Every Child Online.

During 2025, Every Child Online continued the large-scale refurbishment and provision of technology at the heart of the charity. Laptops, desktops, tablets and phones can serve different needs, from access to schoolwork at home to a classroom, a community service or a creative Programme.

The difference the equipment makes

A device in a school or youth organisation may be used repeatedly by different learners. A laptop at home may let a child complete work without relying on a parent's phone. A set of machines can enable a partner to introduce an activity it could not otherwise afford. These are different forms of benefit and should be reported separately from the number of devices supplied.

2025 delivery record

Annual measure	1 January to 31 December 2025
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Refurbished devices provided to children, young people and community organisations	17,849+
Devices harvested for parts, repurposed or recycled	5,000+
Total devices processed across these categories	22,849+
Electronic waste diverted from landfill	218 tonnes
Estimated CO_2 emissions avoided	9,508 tonnes
Children and young adults supported	30,000+
Increase in reported school and community organisation partnerships	40+
Additional mobile phones/connectivity provided	500+
Additional work placement students and volunteers supported	20
Additional families supported or connected	300
Additional community and promotional events	8+

The partner stories later in this report show why suitable equipment matters, from supporting music production to keeping a young person in contact with the people around them.

Mobile Lifeline and Tech Give Away Days

Mobile Lifeline: staying in contact

Mobile Lifeline provides refurbished phones and connectivity through partners supporting young people, including those in or leaving care. A phone with a charger and Vodafone SIM support can help someone remain in touch with family, social workers and essential services.

The benefit is not simply owning a handset. It is being reachable and being able to ask for help. Partner feedback gives a direct account of that difference:

> *"I am so pleased to have a phone again, my family and social worker can contact me now"*

Young person, feedback supplied through the Risk in the Community team.

Tech Give Away Days: technology with practical help

Schools remain important both as recipients of technology and as routes into families. Tech Give Away Days and community events allow us to combine device access with direct conversations about digital skills and online safety. They also create a visible, low-barrier way for families to ask for help.

These events bring the charity and its partners into direct contact with families. A device handover can also be the right moment to answer a practical question, introduce an online-safety resource or help someone get started with unfamiliar equipment.

The practical support matters too: identifying an appropriate device, helping with initial setup and making sure recipients know where to seek further guidance. Schools and community partners help connect those events with families who need support.

Equipped to get started.
Suitable equipment, help with initial setup and practical online-safety guidance give families more than a device to take home.

7 / TURNING SURPLUS TECHNOLOGY INTO SOCIAL VALUE

IT Full Circle, Pass IT On and partnerships

The route from a business storeroom to a child, school or community organisation is not simply a donation process. Donated devices can contain commercially sensitive or personal data. They need to be collected securely, assessed, erased, repaired where appropriate, configured and matched to a suitable route for reuse.

IT Full Circle

IT Full Circle is the corporate-facing campaign: a route for businesses to put surplus technology to work in education and communities. It connects the secure handling of redundant equipment with the opportunity to support children and young people. Professional collection, data erasure and refurbishment are part of delivering that promise.

Pass IT On

Pass IT On extends the invitation to employees. A workplace tech amnesty gives staff a convenient way to bring in unused personal laptops, phones and tablets so that suitable equipment can be collected and prepared for reuse.

Building relationships in 2025

The charity's published timeline records becoming a charity partner of Excel London in 2025, opening further opportunities to speak to businesses through exhibitions. In December, the Trainline partnership announcement described a commitment to donate surplus technology following a presentation to its Workplace Technology, Security and Privacy team.

A reliable donor relationship is more valuable than a one-off collection. It allows surplus equipment to be planned for, processed securely and matched with demand from schools and community partners.

7 / HELPING CHILDREN USE ACCESS SAFELY

Safe & Smart: online safety

Access to the internet creates opportunity, but it also creates exposure. During 2025 we expanded our response to digital exclusion by investing in practical online-safety education for children, teenagers and the adults supporting them.

Safe & Smart is our online-safety programme. It helps children, teenagers, parents, carers and educators understand risks, recognise when something is wrong and know where to turn for help.

The 2025 project report records support from The John and Marine van Vlissingen Foundation, the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Safety Development Fund and Essex Community Foundation. It describes face-to-face outreach, printed information and development of the SafeandSmart.online platform.

Reported programme activity	2025 project-monitoring figure
Online-safety flyers distributed	More than 2,200
Schools and community venues reached	11

Making safety understandable

Online safety messages fail when they are too technical, too frightening or disconnected from what children actually do online. Our approach is to make difficult subjects easier to discuss, giving children and families practical language around issues such as scams, grooming, bullying, inappropriate contact and harmful content.

Age-appropriate explanations and conversation starters make the guidance more useful to different audiences. Topics include grooming, sextortion, bullying, scams and harmful or manipulative contact. The aim is practical understanding, rather than a message that simply tells young people to stay offline.

Fetes & Fairs and community conversations

Community events create opportunities to talk with parents and young people who may not attend a formal online-safety session. The project report records outreach at fetes and Tech Give Away Days. Attendance at an event is not automatically counted as a person receiving education.

7 / OPPORTUNITY BEYOND THE DEVICE

Skills, placements, volunteers and CRE8

Student Work Placements

Our activity has included student work placements and hands-on exposure to refurbishment and technology operations. These environments can give young people experience of real equipment, workplace expectations, problem-solving and the circular economy in practice.

The charity's previous reports describe work with South Essex College, USP College and Employ-Ability. Refurbishment, logistics and practical workplace tasks provide useful settings for learning, while participants contribute to the charity's delivery.

Stepping Stone

The 2025 organisational timeline records the introduction of the Stepping Stone volunteer employability pathway. The programme offers a supportive setting for people rebuilding confidence and routine, with practical tasks and mentoring rather than an immediate expectation of returning to paid work.

CRE8: creative reuse

CRE8 gives components from unusable technology another purpose through jewellery, clocks, artwork and gifts. The charity's timeline describes a 2025 pilot with initial prototypes. It brings creative work into the reuse process, offering a different way for volunteers and students to work with materials recovered from donated equipment.

Volunteers

Volunteers add practical capacity and community connection across the work. The 2025 project report records 790 volunteer hours associated with the funded outreach. This is a project-level contribution, not the charity's total volunteer time.

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8 / PARTNER EXPERIENCE

Impact in their words

The following feedback describes what partner organisations say changed when suitable technology became available. These accounts illustrate the value of the work; the supplied statements do not specify a reporting period and are not counted as 2025-only outcomes.

The Song School: making room for music production

> *"Every Child Online supplied us with a suite of MacBooks, which enabled us to introduce and rapidly scale our weekly Music Production programme."*

Louisa Strachan, Founder and Director, The Song School.

Louisa explains that buying the equipment new would have been a significant outlay for a small community organisation. The support enabled the organisation to expand its offer without that purchase cost.

Signpost: responding to a need seen at the front line

Jenny Ibarra, Centre Manager at Signpost, describes how employability and CV appointments reveal the lack of digital equipment in local households. She reports that the partnership with Every Child Online has helped more than 300 families and individuals in Basildon, and describes the effect of a joint giveaway on the families attending.

Local-authority support: remaining reachable

Jacqui Boulamatsis, Independent Missing Chat Project Worker, describes the importance of digital connection for vulnerable young people. Her feedback explains why a phone can be part of staying contactable and supported, not just another piece of equipment.

> *"As a Local Authority working daily with such young people Every Child Online has become invaluable in helping us to support our young people, for that we thank you"*

Jacqui Boulamatsis, Independent Missing Chat Project Worker.

9 / REUSE AND THE EVIDENCE BEHIND OUR WORK

Environmental value and impact measurement

Digital inclusion and environmental responsibility are closely connected. Reusing a working device avoids treating useful equipment as waste and delays the environmental cost associated with replacing it. Where direct reuse is not possible, parts harvesting and responsible recycling can recover further value.

Previously reported cumulative position

The following figures were promoted during 2025 but cover January 2021 to 31 December 2024. They are the historic baseline, not the results for 2025 and not a year-end 2025 total.

Measure	Cumulative to 31 December 2025
Refurbished devices donated to children and young adults	53280
Devices harvested for parts, repurposed or recycled	15,367+
Children and young adults supported	80000+
Schools supported	520+
Electronic waste reported diverted from landfill	446 tonnes
Estimated CO2 emissions saved	19.4 million kg Of CO_2 Prevented Through Re kg

What the figures can and cannot show

Devices received, devices supplied, equipment harvested for parts and people supported are different measures. Shared equipment may support several people, while the same person may receive more than one form of support. Partner totals can overlap with charity totals. Our reporting must make those distinctions clear.

Environmental estimates also need a stated basis. Weight estimates and avoided emissions should explain the equipment included, the assumptions used and the reporting period. Reuse, parts recovery and recycling should not be presented as the same destination.

Strengthening our evidence

Our priority is to build a consistent annual record of delivery and follow up the difference made, alongside clearly dated cumulative reporting.

10 / PLANS AND LEARNING

Looking ahead: 2026

Our next stage is to strengthen the work that people already rely on: a dependable supply of suitable technology, reliable support for partner organisations and the operational capacity to deliver it securely.

Protect and extend the core digital-inclusion work

Develop longer-term donor relationships, improve collection and refurbishment planning, and match equipment more closely to partner demand. Investment in people, premises and systems must support safe, reliable delivery rather than growth for its own sake.

Build the wider support around access

Develop Safe & Smart resources for children, teenagers, parents and educators, alongside opportunities for work experience and practical digital skills. Community Outreach and help-desk activity can support people who have access to a device but need help using it.

Improve how we evidence the difference

Develop consistent impact capture when support is provided and follow up with partners to understand how the equipment is used. Where appropriate, a six-month review can help distinguish a completed handover from sustained benefit. The same discipline should apply to online-safety engagement and placements.

What we need to improve

Our reporting needs a reconciled annual dataset rather than reliance on cumulative headlines. Operational records need to keep pace with collections, partner requests and data-erasure certificates. The charity and CIC relationship needs clear documentation, and unrestricted income and reserves need to be strong enough to sustain delivery.

The direction remains clear.
Get suitable technology to those who need it. Help them use it safely and confidently. Keep useful devices and materials in use for longer.

11 / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND DECLARATION

Thank you and trustees' approval

Every laptop, desktop, phone, grant, volunteer hour, introduction and partnership begins with somebody deciding that a resource they control can be put to better use.

We thank the businesses that entrusted us with surplus technology, the funders that backed our work, the schools and charities that helped us reach people who needed support, and the staff and volunteers who turned those contributions into delivery.

"We're honoured to continue contributing to their mission and support their incredible work."

DOA Underwriting, partner feedback.

Trustees' responsibilities

We the trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and accounts, keeping appropriate accounting records, safeguarding the charity's assets and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. Preparation of the accounts includes applying suitable accounting policies consistently, making reasonable judgements and estimates, and assessing the appropriateness of the going-concern basis

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Signed on behalf of the trustees	
Name	Simon Gurner
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date of approval	26/10/2026

Independent examiner's report, financial statements and notes: supplied by the accountancy partner as the accompanying financial section.

12 / FINANCIAL POSITION

Financial review

Every Child Online's operating model combines donated technology with grants, donations and income generated through its charitable activities.

Total income for 2025 was **£186,162**, compared with **£101,901** in 2024. Total expenditure was **£160,050**, compared with **£104,975** in 2024. This resulted in net income of **£26,112** for the year, compared with net expenditure of **£3,074** in 2024.

At 31 December 2025, the charity held total funds of **£29,452**, compared with **£3,340** at the end of 2024. The charity also held tangible fixed assets with a net book value of **£972**.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26 October 2026. The independent examiner reported that no matters had come to their attention requiring disclosure for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Principal sources of funds

Income from charitable activities was **£109,312**, representing the charity's largest source of financial income during the year.

The charity also received **£76,850** from donations, grants, gifts and legacies. This included **£20,475** in unrestricted donations and **£56,375** provided for specific projects and purposes.

Restricted funding received during the year included:

- £7,000 from Essex Community Foundation;
- £8,400 from Sunrise Technologies;
- £29,600 for Safe & Smart Online projects;
- £1,375 from the Co-op Local Community Fund; and
- £10,000 from the Excel London Fund.

In addition to financial income, donated technology remained a major operational resource. Computers, mobile devices and other equipment donated by corporate and community partners enabled the charity to refurbish and distribute technology to schools, charities, community organisations and referred beneficiaries.

Restricted and unrestricted funds

Unrestricted income totalled **£129,787** during 2025. Unrestricted expenditure was **£103,675**, producing net unrestricted income of **£26,112** before transfers between funds.

Restricted income totalled **£56,375**. The accounts record an equal amount of restricted expenditure against the relevant projects and purposes. Consequently, no restricted fund balances remained at 31 December 2025.

Reserves at the year end

The charity's total unrestricted general fund at 31 December 2025 was **£29,452**. After deducting **£972** invested in tangible fixed assets, unrestricted free reserves were approximately **£28,480**.

The trustees' policy is to work towards holding unrestricted free reserves equivalent to three months of core operating expenditure. At the year end, free reserves of approximately £28,480 were equivalent to approximately **3.3 months of the charity's 2025 unrestricted expenditure**. The trustees will continue to monitor reserves against the charity's forecast core operating costs as part of their financial oversight.

The trustees consider an appropriate level of reserves necessary to protect the continuity of the charity's work, meet its ongoing commitments and provide resilience against unexpected reductions in income or increases in operating costs.

Going concern and funds in deficit

The trustees approved the financial statements on a going-concern basis. At the date of approval, the accounts did not identify any material uncertainty that would cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue its activities.

No restricted fund was in deficit at 31 December 2025. All restricted funding received during the year had been applied to the relevant projects and purposes, and the charity's closing general fund balance was positive.

Every Child Online

Charity Registration Number: 1197240

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

BROOMS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIMITED
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
REGISTERED AUDITORS

Every Child Online
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts,

Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity at any time. They also are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Every Child Online
for the year ended 31st December 2025

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011):
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Comissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directons given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the seeking of explanations from you as 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 examiners' statement

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

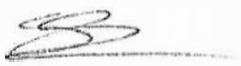
- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  (a) to keep accounting records in accorance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and

  (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made thereunder

  have not been met; or

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

Signed



Sonia Shah

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Dated: 26th October 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025

Description	Note	Unrestricted Funds: General Fund £	Essex Community £	Sunrise Technologies £	Safe & Smart Projects Fund £	Co-op Local Community Fund £	Excel London Fund £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income and endowments from:									
Donations and legacies	2	20,475	7,000	8,400	29,600	1,375	10,000	**76,850**	**34,359**
Charitable activities		109,312	-	-	-	-	-	**109,312**	**67,542**
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income and endowments		**129,787**	**7,000**	**8,400**	**29,600**	**1,375**	**10,000**	**186,162**	**101,901**
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	3	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Charitable activities	4	103,675	7,000	8,400	29,600	1,375	10,000	**160,050**	**104,975**
Other		-		-	-	-		-	-
Total expenditure		**103,675**	**7,000**	**8,400**	**29,600**	**1,375**	**10,000**	**160,050**	**104,975**
Net gains/(Losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		**26,112**	-	-	-	-	-	**26,112**	**(3,074)**
Transfers between funds		700		(700)	-	-		-	-
Net movement in funds		**26,812**	-	**(700)**	-	-	-	**26,112**	**(3,074)**
Balance brought forward at 1st January 2025		2,640		700	-	-		3,340	6,414
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2025		**29,452**	-	-	-	-	-	**29,452**	**3,340**

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	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets	7		972		993
Current assets					
Trade Debtors		20,678		2,215	
Other Debtors		348		-	
Balances with bankers		10,577		1,632	
Cash in hand		-		-	
Total current assets		31,603		3,847	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors	9	3,123		1,500	
		3,123		1,500	
Net current assets			28,480		2,347
Total assets less current liabilities			29,452		3,340
Unrestricted funds					
General fund			29,452		2,640
Restricted funds					
Essex Community Fund			-		-
Sunrise TechnologiesFund			-		700
Safe & Smart Projects Fund			-		-
Co Op Local Community Dund			-		-
Excel London Fund			-		-
			29,452		3,340

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Simon Gurner (Chariman of Trustees)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025

1. **Accounting Policies**

a. **Accounting Convention**
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011. They have been prepared on an accruals basis of accounting.

b. **Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice**
In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS102 and the Charities SORP FRS102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

c. **Income Recognition**
Income is recognized in the period when the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable accuracy. In accordance with this policy:

Grants are included when the conditions for receipt have been complied with.

d. **Fund Accounting**
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose.

Designated funds are comprised of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific funds. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

e. Bank Deposits
Interest receivable is included in the income and expenditure account when it is received at an amount which includes any tax credit recoverable from HM Revenue & Customs. Interest received from deposits are accounted on receipt .

f.. Expenditure Recognition
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

g. **Allocation of Support and Governance Costs**
Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

The only apportionment to governance costs relate to administrative salaries etc. which are apportioned on the basis of 10% to governance costs, based on staff time allocated to governance issues.

h. **Income Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid**
Income tax is recovered from HMRC on income received from donations by way of the gift aid scheme during the year.

i. **Tangible Fixed Assets**
Tangible fixed assets are capitalised when the cost of such assets (excluding VAT) exceeds £200. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation which is provided in annual instalments over the estimated useful economic lives of the assets. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates:

Fixtures and fittings 25% straight line.

j. **Stocks**
Stocks consist of purchased goods for resale and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Provision is made for slow-moving or obsolete items where appropriate.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds						
	General Fund £	Essex Community Foundation £	Sunrise Technologies £	Safe & Smart Projects Fund £	Co-op Local Community Fund £	Excel London Fund £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations, grants, gifts and legacies	20,475	7,000	8,400	29,600	1,375	10,000	76,850	34,359
	20,475	7,000	8,400	29,600	1,375	10,000	76,850	34,359

3. Expenditure on:
Raising funds

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds						
	General Fund £	Essex Community Foundation £	Sunrise Technologies £	Safe & Smart Projects Fund £	Co-op Local Community Fund £	Excel London Fund £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Fund raising costs	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

4. Expenditure on:
Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds						
In furtherance of the Charity's objectives.	General Fund £	Essex Community Foundation £	Sunrise Technologies £	Safe & Smart Projects Fund £	Co-op Local Community Fund £	Excel London Fund £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Salary and national insurance	4,387	7,000	-	-	-	-	11,387	117
Pensions	55	-	-	-	-	-	55	-
Professional fees	24,086	-	-	7,250	500	1,750	33,586	57,990
Telephone and postage	5,421	-	-	450	200	-	6,071	5,281
Office supplies	167	-	-	-	-	-	167	495
Subscriptions	955	-	-	-	-	-	955	-
Insurance and affiliation fees	419	-	-	-	-	-	419	400
Travel and motor expenses	9,062	-	-	-	-	-	9,062	6,311
Advertising and promotions	2,832	-	-	15,561	-	-	18,393	4,081
Office equipment and copier hire	4,033	-	-	750	175	-	4,958	4,685
Computer expenses	44,798	-	-	5,589	500	8,250	59,137	9,996
Accountancy	1,788	-	-	-	-	-	1,788	1,572
Sundry expenses	387	-	-	-	-	-	387	580
Rent, rates and services	4,969	-	8,400	-	-	-	13,369	13,136
Depreciation of fixtures, fittings and equipment	316	-	-	-	-	-	316	331
	103,675	7,000	8,400	29,600	1,375	10,000	160,050	104,975

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5. Allocation of governance and support costs

	2025			2024
	Total allocated £	Governance related £	Other Support costs £	Total allocated
Salary and national insurance	1,139	1,139		12
Pensions	6	6		-
Professional fees	33,586		33,586	57,990
Office supplies	167		167	495
Subscriptions	955		955	-
Insurance and affiliation fees	419		419	400
Office equipment and copier hire	4,958		4,958	4,685
Computer expenses	11,827		11,827	9,996
Accountancy	1,788	1,788		1,572
Sundry expenses	387		387	580
Rent, rates and services	13,369		13,369	13,136
	68,601	2,932	65,668	88,866

6. Net Incoming Resources after charging:

Net incoming resources are stated after charging in the General Fund:	2025 £	2024 £
Brooms Professional Services Ltd:		
independent examination	1,500	1,500
accountancy, taxation and consultancy	-	-
Depreciation	316	331
Operating lease rentals of equipment	-	-
	1,816	1,831

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7. Fixed Assets

	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment £	Total £
Cost/Valuation		
At 1st January 2025	2,355	2,355
Additions	295	295
Disposals	-	-
At 31st December 2025	2,650	2,650
Depreciation		
At 1st January 2025	1,362	1,362
Charge for year	316	316
Disposals	-	-
At 31st December 2025	1,678	1,678
Net Book Value		
At 31st December 2024	993	993
At 31st December 2025	972	972

8. Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Sundry creditors, accruals and deferred income	3,000	1,500
Pensions Payable	51	-
Trade Creditors	72	-
	3,123	1,500

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9. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries	10,684	117
Pension	55	434
Employers' national insurance	703	-
	11,442	551

	No.	No.
Average number of staff during the year:		
Employee's emoluments below £60,000	2	1
	2	1

No trustee or person related or connected by business to them has received any remuneration from the Charity nor have they entered into any transaction, contract or other arrangement with the Charity during the year.

During the year, no expenses were reimbursed to the Board of Trustee members which principally represent reimbursed travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses in attending meetings and official arrangements.

10. Funds

a. The general fund is an unrestricted fund used for general purposes.
b. The Essex Community Foundation was a fund that contributed to staff fees.
c. The Sunrise Technologies fund has covered the rent cost for 2025.
d. Safe and Smart Online Projects fund from - PFCC Community Safety Development Fund Application
e Newham Digital Alliance project was a fund for expanding work in East London.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025

	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Income				
Grants received		48,000		9,100
Donations received		28,850		25,259
Sale of goods		109,312		67,542
		186,162		101,901
Deduct: Expenditure				
Cost of Sales				
Computer Costs	59,137		9,996	
Postage	6,071		5,281	
		65,208		15,277
Admin Expenses				
Salaries and National Insurance	11,387		117	
Pension	55		-	
Professional Fees	33,586		57,990	
Office Supplies	167		495	
Subscriptions	955		-	
Insurance and Affiliation Fees	419		400	
Motor and Travel	9,062		6,311	
Advertising and Promotion	18,393		4,081	
Office Equipment and Copier Lease	4,958		4,685	
Accountancy	1,788		1,572	
Sundry Expenses	387		580	
Rent, Rates and Services	13,369		13,136	
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment Depreciation	316		331	
		94,842		89,698
Total Expenditure		160,050		104,975
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		26,112		(3,074)

Note: This page does not form part of the formal accounts.