

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: NI027190 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: NIC100150

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 January 2024
for
FLAX ART STUDIOS LTD

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FLAX ART STUDIOS LTD

**Reference and Administrative Details
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

TRUSTEES	B Farren (resigned 22/2/2023) C Morgan Mr J M Rainey Artist Mr C J Callan Consultant Director D Byrne (appointed 22/2/2023) L Cherry (appointed 22/2/2023) B Crothers (appointed 22/2/2023)
COMPANY SECRETARY	Gail Prentice
REGISTERED OFFICE	31-33 Bedford Street Belfast BT2 7EJ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	NI027190 (Northern Ireland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	NIC100150
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	M.B.McGrady & Co Chartered Accountants Suite 2B Cadogan House 322 Lisburn Road Belfast Co. Antrim BT9 6GH

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The company is established to support and promote emerging and established contemporary visual artists from Belfast and beyond, through affordable artist-run studios, to sustain and develop local, regional and international initiatives and to promote research and community outreach projects.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year are set out in detail on page 5 to 10.

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.

Organisational structure

The trustees are directly responsible for the day to day management of the charity and they meet on a regular basis to review all aspects of the charity.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Gail Prentice - Secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Flax Art Studios Ltd**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2024, which are set out on pages four to fourteen.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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28 October 2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/1/24 Total funds £	31/1/23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities	3				
Restricted		-	122,733	122,733	103,370
Investment income	2	77,589	1	77,590	90,502
Total		<u>77,589</u>	<u>122,734</u>	<u>200,323</u>	<u>193,872</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Unrestricted		61,027	-	61,027	99,043
Restricted		-	131,078	131,078	70,612
Total		<u>61,027</u>	<u>131,078</u>	<u>192,105</u>	<u>169,655</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		16,562	(8,344)	8,218	24,217
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		208,662	36,566	245,228	221,011
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>225,224</u></u>	<u><u>28,222</u></u>	<u><u>253,446</u></u>	<u><u>245,228</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 JANUARY 2024**

	Notes	31/1/24 £	31/1/23 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	33,041	35,506
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	19,223	35,768
Cash at bank		206,818	175,545
		<u>226,041</u>	<u>211,313</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,636)	(1,591)
		<u>220,405</u>	<u>209,722</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>253,446</u>	<u>245,228</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>253,446</u>	<u>245,228</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>253,446</u>	<u>245,228</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		225,225	208,662
Restricted funds		28,221	36,566
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>253,446</u>	<u>245,228</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 January 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 JANUARY 2024

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 28 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



B Crothers - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories on a basis designed to reflect the use of resources. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

2. INVESTMENT INCOME		31/1/24	31/1/23
		£	£
Studio rental income		71,633	64,928
Workshop income		5,957	25,574
		<u>77,590</u>	<u>90,502</u>
 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		 31/1/24	 31/1/23
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Restricted	122,733	103,370
		<u>122,733</u>	<u>103,370</u>
 Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		 31/1/24	 31/1/23
		£	£
ACNI		78,287	75,925
ACNI - Annual Funding		3,299	-
BCC		29,242	-
Foyle Foundation		20,000	-
Halifax Foundation		4,850	-
		<u>135,678</u>	<u>75,925</u>
 4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			Support costs (see note 5)
			£
Unrestricted			61,027
Restricted			131,078
			<u>192,105</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Other	Governance	Totals
	£	£	£	costs	£
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	50,345	755	6,867	3,060	61,027
Restricted	131,078	-	-	-	131,078
	<u>181,423</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>6,867</u>	<u>3,060</u>	<u>192,105</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/1/24	31/1/23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	6,867	7,207
Other operating leases	<u>7,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 January 2024 nor for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 January 2024 nor for the year ended 31 January 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31/1/24	31/1/23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	87,965	66,525
	<u>87,965</u>	<u>66,525</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/1/24	31/1/23
Administrative staff	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Charitable activities			
Restricted	-	103,370	103,370
Investment income	90,502	-	90,502
Total	<u>90,502</u>	<u>103,370</u>	<u>193,872</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Unrestricted	95,560	3,483	99,043
Restricted	-	70,612	70,612
Total	<u>95,560</u>	<u>74,095</u>	<u>169,655</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,058)	29,275	24,217
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	213,719	7,292	221,011
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>208,661</u></u>	<u><u>36,567</u></u>	<u><u>245,228</u></u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 February 2023	41,115	6,653	7,614	55,382
Additions	4,402	-	-	4,402
At 31 January 2024	<u>45,517</u>	<u>6,653</u>	<u>7,614</u>	<u>59,784</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 February 2023	14,416	998	4,462	19,876
Charge for year	4,665	1,414	788	6,867
At 31 January 2024	<u>19,081</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>5,250</u>	<u>26,743</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 January 2024	<u><u>26,436</u></u>	<u><u>4,241</u></u>	<u><u>2,364</u></u>	<u><u>33,041</u></u>
At 31 January 2023	<u><u>26,699</u></u>	<u><u>5,655</u></u>	<u><u>3,152</u></u>	<u><u>35,506</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
			31/1/24	31/1/23
			£	£
Trade debtors			19,223	35,768
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
			31/1/24	31/1/23
			£	£
Other creditors			4,436	451
Accruals and deferred income			1,200	1,140
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
			<u>5,636</u>	<u>1,591</u>
13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	31/1/24	31/1/23
	fund	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	funds	funds
Fixed assets	46,822	(13,781)	33,041	35,506
Current assets	186,299	39,742	226,041	211,313
Current liabilities	(7,896)	2,260	(5,636)	(1,591)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>225,225</u>	<u>28,221</u>	<u>253,446</u>	<u>245,228</u>
14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
			Net	
		At 1/2/23	movement	At
		£	in funds	31/1/24
			£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund		208,662	16,563	225,225
Restricted funds				
ACNI		19,566	(18,448)	1,118
BCC		5,000	-	5,000
Fluxus		12,000	-	12,000
BCC Vacant to Vibrant		-	10,103	10,103
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		<u>36,566</u>	<u>(8,345)</u>	<u>28,221</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>245,228</u>	<u>8,218</u>	<u>253,446</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,589	(61,026)	16,563
Restricted funds			
ACNI	63,680	(82,128)	(18,448)
BCC	13,000	(13,000)	-
BCC Vacant to Vibrant	21,204	(11,101)	10,103
Halifax Foundation	4,850	(4,850)	-
Foyle Foundation	20,000	(20,000)	-
	<u>122,734</u>	<u>(131,079)</u>	<u>(8,345)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>200,323</u>	<u>(192,105)</u>	<u>8,218</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/2/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/1/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	213,719	(5,057)	208,662
Restricted funds			
ACNI	2,292	17,274	19,566
BCC	5,000	-	5,000
Fluxus	-	12,000	12,000
	<u>7,292</u>	<u>29,274</u>	<u>36,566</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>221,011</u>	<u>24,217</u>	<u>245,228</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,502	(95,559)	(5,057)
Restricted funds			
ACNI	71,370	(54,096)	17,274
BCC	20,000	(20,000)	-
Fluxus	12,000	-	12,000
	<u>103,370</u>	<u>(74,096)</u>	<u>29,274</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>193,872</u></u>	<u><u>(169,655)</u></u>	<u><u>24,217</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/2/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/1/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	213,719	11,506	225,225
Restricted funds			
ACNI	2,292	(1,174)	1,118
BCC	5,000	-	5,000
Fluxus	-	12,000	12,000
BCC Vacant to Vibrant	-	10,103	10,103
	<u>7,292</u>	<u>20,929</u>	<u>28,221</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>221,011</u></u>	<u><u>32,435</u></u>	<u><u>253,446</u></u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	168,091	(156,585)	11,506
Restricted funds			
ACNI	135,050	(136,224)	(1,174)
BCC	33,000	(33,000)	-
Fluxus	12,000	-	12,000
BCC Vacant to Vibrant	21,204	(11,101)	10,103
Halifax Foundation	4,850	(4,850)	-
Foyle Foundation	20,000	(20,000)	-
	<u>226,104</u>	<u>(205,175)</u>	<u>20,929</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>394,195</u>	<u>(361,760)</u>	<u>32,435</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 January 2024.

16. GOING CONCERN

The organisation covers its financial liabilities through the provision of funding and their own income generation. The nature of the organisation means that there can be fluctuations in continued funding sources.

The Trustees have projected cash flow information for the next 12 months and consider that they will be able to continue operations. However given the nature of the funding environment there can be no certainty in relation to these matters.

On this basis, the Trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustment that would result should the organisation fail to secure any of its funding or if the income generating activities do not meet expected levels.