

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	523,645	-	523,645	530,303
Charitable activities	4	-	2,145,593	2,145,593	2,230,680
Investments	5	2,120	-	2,120	1,793
Other income	6	2,070	-	2,070	2,030
Total income		527,835	2,145,593	2,673,428	2,764,806
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	7	300,375	-	300,375	292,428
Charitable activities	8	208,734	2,292,088	2,500,822	1,868,711
Total resources expended		509,109	2,292,088	2,801,197	2,161,139
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		18,726	(146,495)	(127,769)	603,667
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		375,479	1,264,016	1,639,495	1,035,828
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		394,205	1,117,521	1,511,726	1,639,495

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes			
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	3	530,303	-	530,303
Charitable activities	4	-	2,230,680	2,230,680
Investments	5	1,793	-	1,793
Other income	6	2,030	-	2,030
Total income		534,126	2,230,680	2,764,806
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Raising funds	7	292,428	-	292,428
Charitable activities	8	257,948	1,610,763	1,868,711
Total resources expended		550,376	1,610,763	2,161,139
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(16,250)	619,917	603,667
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		391,729	644,099	1,035,828
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		375,479	1,264,016	1,639,495

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	13	542,002		611,152	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,025,780		1,077,215	
		<u>1,567,782</u>		<u>1,688,367</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(56,056)</u>		<u>(48,872)</u>	
Net current assets		<u>1,511,726</u>		<u>1,639,495</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16	1,117,521		1,264,016	
Unrestricted funds		394,205		375,479	
		<u>1,511,726</u>		<u>1,639,495</u>	

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 September 2023

Marcus O'Neill (Chairperson)
Trustee

Seamus Farrell
Trustee

Company registration number NI054061

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	20		(53,555)		639,939
Investing activities					
Investment income received		2,120		1,793	
Net cash generated from investing activities			2,120		1,793
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(51,435)		641,732
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,077,215		435,483
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>1,025,780</u>		<u>1,077,215</u>

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Children in Crossfire is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 2 St Joseph's Avenue, DERRY, BT48 6TH.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised, with all expenditure on capital items below £1,000 being expensed to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Taxation

The company is a charity and is recognised by HM Revenue & Customs under the charity tax reference XR85661. As a result there is no liability to taxation on any of its income.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Donations and gifts	<u>523,645</u>	<u>530,303</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Grant funding	<u>2,145,593</u>	<u>2,230,680</u>
Grant funding		
Irish Aid, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	569,511	593,110
Hilton Foundation	995,589	672,397
Summerhill Foundation	100,000	120,000
James Percy Foundation	112,141	-
The Betterway Foundation	4,512	71,430
Apex	20,000	-
Dominic Fitzpatrick	25,000	20,000
Van Oord Support Services	20,977	-
Sail Around Ireland	7,491	-
St James Place	-	33,659
William Cadbury	-	25,000
Rockhill & Aishling Holiday Parks	9,046	15,425
Life University	-	14,538
DFID UK AID	-	158,420
Other	281,326	506,701
	<u>2,145,593</u>	<u>2,230,680</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Interest receivable	<u>2,120</u>	<u>1,793</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Management charge	<u>2,070</u>	<u>2,030</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Staging fundraising events	105,931	117,692
Staff costs	194,444	174,736
	<u>300,375</u>	<u>292,428</u>

8 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	419,693	400,188
Programme costs	1,914,737	1,308,150
CRM subscription and associated costs	33,576	5,584
Promotions and publications	2,577	3,511
Insurance	3,469	3,293
Utilities	10,290	8,109
Cleaning	756	1,426
Repairs and maintenance	1,676	4,357
Postage, stationery & advertising	3,314	3,702
Telephone	10,849	10,792
IT costs	8,598	8,831
Travelling expenses	13,060	8,582
Other staff costs	17,204	18,930
Rent	14,700	14,700
Miscellaneous expenses	8,175	6,603
	<u>2,462,674</u>	<u>1,806,758</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	38,148	61,953
	<u>2,500,822</u>	<u>1,868,711</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	208,734	257,948
Restricted funds	2,292,088	1,610,763
	<u>2,500,822</u>	<u>1,868,711</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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9 Support costs	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	-	7,800	7,800	7,800
Legal and professional	-	30,348	30,348	54,153
	-	38,148	38,148	61,953
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	38,148	38,148	61,953

10 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. No trustee was reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £nil). No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil).

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	17	16
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	550,576	516,595
Social security costs	52,124	47,966
Other pension costs	11,437	10,363
	614,137	574,924

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

13 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	464,579	515,953
Other debtors	52,673	38,805
Prepayments and accrued income	24,750	56,394
	<u>542,002</u>	<u>611,152</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	13,496	13,350
Accruals and deferred income	42,560	35,522
	<u>56,056</u>	<u>48,872</u>

15 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £11,437 (2022 - £10,363).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Movement in funds	
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £	
Irish Aid, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	232,706	593,110	(637,706)	188,110	569,511	(710,815)	46,806	
Other Restricted Grants	239,192	497,701	(278,614)	458,279	281,326	(330,192)	409,413	
Hilton Foundation	-	672,397	(359,295)	313,102	995,589	(823,245)	485,446	
Summerhill Foundation	-	120,000	(10,000)	110,000	100,000	(123,711)	86,289	
The Betterway Foundation	44,157	71,430	(82,101)	33,486	4,512	(37,998)	-	
Apex	798	-	-	798	20,000	(20,000)	798	
St James Place	67,519	33,659	(32,061)	69,117	-	(44,457)	24,660	
William Cadbury	14,085	25,000	(11,588)	27,497	-	(19,608)	7,889	
The Ireland Funds America	19,000	-	(9,156)	9,844	-	-	9,844	
James Percy Foundation	-	-	-	-	112,141	(110,452)	1,689	
Life University	1,332	14,538	(14,538)	1,332	-	(1,332)	-	
DFID UK AID	(15,044)	158,420	(143,376)	-	-	-	-	
Hugo Trust	34,883	-	(12,565)	22,318	-	(16,241)	6,077	
Rockhill & Aishling Holiday Parks	5,471	15,425	(15,425)	5,471	9,046	(10,000)	4,517	
Community NI Foundation	-	5,000	(338)	4,662	-	(3,060)	1,602	
Merriman Charitable Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	-	-	
Dominic Fitzpatrick	-	20,000	-	20,000	25,000	(20,000)	25,000	
Honourable Irish Society	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	
Sail Around Ireland	-	-	-	-	7,491	-	7,491	
Van Oord Support Services	-	-	-	-	20,977	(20,977)	-	
	644,099	2,230,680	(1,610,763)	1,264,016	2,145,593	(2,292,088)	1,117,521	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

16 Restricted funds (Continued)

Nature of material restricted funds

Irish Aid, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

This project supports pre-primary education programmes in Tanzania, targeting mainly children aged between 3-4 in three regions of Tanzania.

Hilton Foundation

This project strengthens the capacity of civil society to advocate for & monitor multisectoral ECD programs & policies in Tanzania

Summerhill Foundation

This project supports young children in urban Dar Es Salaam access quality early education

The Betterway Foundation

This project supports national advocacy for Early Childhood Development (ECD) in Tanzania. They also provide support for TECDEN to lead a national taskforce for ECD.

St James Place

This project supports the Integrated School Readiness programme in Tanzania.

William Cadbury

This project supports educational interventions across schools, youth and community in Ireland to achieve Children in Crossfire's strategic goal of increased cultivation of global citizenship fostered across the island of Ireland.

DFID UK AID

This grant is a 3- year to demonstrate scaling up of quality pre-primary to 700 schools, within existing structures, in the Dodoma region of Tanzania. The programme will reach over 100,000 children and demonstrate that quality early years education can be delivered at scale and can improve learning outcomes for children as they transition to formal education.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

16 Restricted funds

(Continued)

James Percy Foundation

This grant provides funding to scale up Pre-Primary in the Dodoma region in Tanzania.

Van Oord Support Services

This grant provides funding to facilitate Children in Crossfires ongoing charitable objectives.

Other restricted grants

Other restricted grants represents various donors providing funding in furtherance of Children in Crossfire's charitable objectives of Early Childhood Development and Development Education and Public Engagement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:					
Current assets/(liabilities)	394,205	1,117,521	1,511,726	375,479	1,639,495
	<u>394,205</u>	<u>1,117,521</u>	<u>1,511,726</u>	<u>375,479</u>	<u>1,639,495</u>

18 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Certain grants received and receivable may become repayable to the funder if the charity is no longer able to meet the conditions under which they were awarded. Due to the nature of these contingencies it may not be possible to quantify the potential financial effect or give an indication of the timing as to the liabilities that may arise.

19 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	263,397	253,408

20 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(127,769)	603,667
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,120)	(1,793)
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	69,150	44,148
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	7,184	6,083
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	<u>(53,555)</u>	<u>639,939</u>

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no debt during the year.