

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Independent examiners report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administration details

<u>Charity Name</u>	Stage Beyond Theatre Company
<u>Other names known by</u>	Stage Beyond
<u>Charity Number</u>	NIC104959
<u>Principal Address</u>	The Millennium Forum 6 Newmarket Street Derry BT48 6EB
<u>Independent Examiner</u>	Deborah O'Donnell Deborah O'Donnell Chartered Accountants Unit 36 Templemore Business Park Derry BT48 0LD
<u>Bankers</u>	Bank of Ireland 15 Strand Road Derry BT48 7BT
<u>Trustees</u>	
Bernie Shiels	Chair
Sean Sheridan	Treasurer
Jennifer Ward	Secretary
Lisa Heaney	
Anne Marie Barr	
Cara McCartney	
Dr Jenn Goddard	
Catrina Hinds	
Marie McIvor	

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its constitution and is constituted as a trust. Trustees are appointed and meet no less than 6 times per year.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to advance the education, by developing the capacity and skills of adults and young people with a learning disability (the beneficiaries) primarily, but not so as to exclude those with a physical or sensory disability in Northern Ireland and its environs by the promotion of the arts among the beneficiaries and to promote capacity building among them and in particular;

- a) to promote the training and education of the beneficiaries in the arts of drama and its associated arts, skills and crafts connected with the theatre, and the performing arts;
- b) to promote capacity-building among the beneficiaries in an effort to increase their confidence, well-being, assertiveness, and so as to assist them to participate in the performing arts as amateurs, volunteers, students, trainees or employees and to lead a full and active life in the community and in society in general;
- c) to provide educational and recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare for the beneficiaries and so that their quality of life may be improved;

and ancillary to the foregoing to promote the accessibility of drama and theatre for people with disabilities in general and to educate the general public about the creative and artistic abilities of people with disabilities.

Achievements and performance

Stage Beyond had another very successful year. Apart from our outreach work we performed and toured with our show, an adaptation of Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator".

Financial review

The charity had unrestricted reserves of £60,399 at 31 March 2023 (£57,611 – 2022).

The charity aims to hold 6 months running costs as reserves. This would be approximately £65,000.

Independent examiners

A resolution will be proposed at the AGM that Deborah O'Donnell Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as independent examiners to Stage Beyond Theatre Company for the ensuing year.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

Bernie Shiels
(Chair)

20 December 2023

Bernie Shiels