

Stage Beyond Theatre Company

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity Number NIC104959

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 2025.

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 16 Lowry's Lane Derry BT48 0LS
<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	
Catriona 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 our show “Rom At The Inn”, our Christmas show at The Methodist Hall and performed our summer show “Access All Areas” at The Millennium Forum

Financial review

The charity had unrestricted reserves of £90,702 at 31 March 2025 (£61,929 – 2024).

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)

18 December 2025

Bernie Shiels

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
Receipts				
Arts Council		25,000	25,000	25,000
DCSDC		7,922	7,922	
Halifax		4,500	4,500	
WHSCT	72,681	10,000	82,681	54,638
Box Office				
Members' Fees	42,554	20,000	62,554	53,258
Fundraising and Other Receipts	5,383		5,383	3,080
	120,618	67,422	188,040	135,976
Payments				
Wages and Carers	71,740	30,000	101,740	110,586
Rent	9,158	1,000	10,158	11,950
Insurance	1,900		1,900	1,744
Show Expenses and Facilitators	3,242	27,422	30,664	30,324
Other Program Costs	1,033	500	1,533	4,322
Travel	171	500	671	1,782
Postage, telephone and stationery	1,242		1,242	793
Accountancy	750		750	750
Sundry Expenses	2,073	500	2,573	2,566
Depreciation	536		536	551
	91,845	59,922	151,767	165,368
Net Receipts/(Expenditure)	28,773	7,500	36,273	(29,392)
Funds brought forward	61,929	20,369	82,298	111,690
Total Funds Carried Forward	90,702	27,869	118,571	82,298

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Computer	1,609	-
Depreciation	(536)	
	1,073	
Current Assets		
Bank Current Account	113,487	74,667
Lotto Bank Account	4,014	8,759
Cash	747	
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	118,248	83,426
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	750	750
PAYE and NEST		378
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Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	117,498	82,298
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Net Assets/(Liabilities)	118,571	82,298
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The funds of the charity		
Funds brought forward	82,298	111,690
Net Receipts/(Expenditure)	36,273	(29,392)
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Total charity funds	118,571	82,298
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Approved by the trustees on 18 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Bernie Shiels
(Chair)

Bernie Shiels

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stage Beyond Theatre Company (charity number NIC104959) on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 3 and 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- ♦ examine the accounts under section 65 of the 2008 Act,
- ♦ to follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 65 of the 2008 Act), and
- ♦ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from the 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 examiner's statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - ♦ to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008; and
 - ♦ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2008 Acthave not been met; or

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

Signed:



Date: 18 December 2025

Deborah O'Donnell
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland

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