

**Artsawonder**

**Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**

**for the financial year ended 31 March 2023**

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**Charity Number: 107564**

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## **Artsawonder**

# **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees</b>	Catherine Bescond Sands Gabriel Scally (Appointed 1 April 2022) Mary Bernadette Verner William Knox Graham (Appointed 1 April 2022) Jennifer Lawson Clarke
<b>Charity Number in Northern Ireland</b>	107564
<b>Principal Address</b>	50 Shore Road Rostrevor Co. Down BT34 3AA Northern Ireland
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	John MacMahon & Co. Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 112 Camlough Road Newry Co. Down BT35 7EE Northern Ireland
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# Artsawonder TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

## Mission, Objectives and Strategy

### Mission Statement

In all activities the Charity Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory public benefit guidance to ensure that activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the charity's aims and objectives as well as providing public benefit.

### Objectives

#### Purpose of Charity

PURPOSE 1: To facilitate events and process which create the space for transformative dialogue, utilising the potential of the arts for healing and mutual understanding directed at specific groups of leaders or/and local civil society in N. Ireland.

PURPOSE 2: To advance education to promote understanding and citizenship utilising the potential of the arts for healing and mutual understanding directed at school groups from primary to secondary level, in the local area and the rest of N. Ireland curriculum, in particular to school groups with a view to encouraging civic leadership.

Main activities undertaken by the charity are:

During the period covered by this report Artsawonder carried out the following activities:

The Rostrevor Ongoing Conversation Think Tank (ROC-TT) continued meeting with 3 face-to-face meetings and 3 Zoom meetings with one of the meetings held in Dublin. These are private meetings of former elected politicians reflecting on the current political situation and using their circle of influence to foster peace and reconciliation. Project funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs (RoI).

Kinship of Difference is a programme which goes out into the various communities and celebrates the hidden possibilities of togetherness. They were held in East Belfast and in Rostrevor. Projects funded by the Community Relations Council (NI).

Artsahealing This pioneering project consisted of a day long seminar with leading Academics and Practitioners looking at the contribution Arts and Music can make to the well-being of society. Open to the public, we examined the historic relationship between medicine and music to bring us up to date with the very latest scientific evidence available. This seminar would later lead to invites from Cambridge University and the Royal Society of Medicine to further explore the concept. This project was funded by private donors.

Diversity Summer Camp This project is designed for Children aged 6 to 15yrs old. It brought together children from diverse nationalities, religions and ethnicities. Through games, crafts and arts they learnt of their different cultures with respect and interest. The wealth of diverse cultures was highlighted. This project was funded via Newry, Mourne and Down District Council through Peace 4.

Guardian of the flame is the name of a film produced by Jonny Clark introducing victims and bereaved from the troubles highlighting how they kept working for peace and reconciliation. The screening was followed by a discussion. The project was repeated in various locations. This project was funded via Newry, Mourne and Down District Council through Peace 4.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Structure

The trustees of the charity are :

Chairperson: Catherine Bescond-Sands

Secretary: Mary Bernadette Verner

Treasurer: William Graham (appointed April 1st 2022)

Mrs Jennifer Lawson Clark

Dr Gabriel Scally (appointed April 1st 2022)

The trustees are chosen according to their interest in Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

# Artsawonder TRUSTEES' REPORT

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## Governance

The principal document regarding governance of the charity is the constitution. The charity is an unincorporated organisation.

## Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

During all activities, the direct beneficiaries are those taking part in the event and those in the audience. The secondary beneficiaries are those in the circle of influence of the participants.

The ROC-TT is not a public meeting but benefits are expressed through circles of influence and ultimately the wider cohort of end beneficiaries is the citizenry of Northern Ireland.

The activities (Kinship of Difference) fostered a greater inter cultural awareness, increasing individual and community confidence in each community's own cultural and artistic identity, thus also promoting respect for the cultural and artistic identity of another community, as seen in the video documentaries which have all been shown by Northern Vision Community T.V.

The Diversity Summer Camp fostered a greater intercultural awareness among a younger population, increasing confidence and respect in each community's own cultural and artistic identity.

Guardian of the flame: this project furthered reflection on the legacy of the troubles and as it was attended by older and younger members of the community help intergenerational transfer of knowledge.

The Artsahealing project involved academics and added a more scientific affirmation to the intuitive knowledge that arts and music have a role to play in Peace and reconciliation.

Any private benefit gained by these activities were incidental and necessary to the running of the activities.

## Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 7.

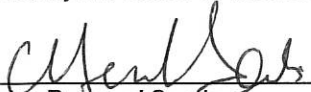
## Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £20,664 (2022 - £14,032) and liabilities of £0.00 (2022 - £0.00). The net assets of the charity have increased by £6,632.

## Reserves Position and Policy

The reserves are used to further the aims of the charity.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Catherine Bescond Sands  
Trustee

## Artsawonder

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ARTSAWONDER

We have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Financial Statements, the Accounting Policies and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 29 January 2024

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>					
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<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Donations and legacies		5,750	-	5,750	3,683
<b>Charitable activities:</b>					
Income from charitable activities		-	21,987	21,987	20,761
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>5,750</b>	<b>21,987</b>	<b>27,737</b>	<b>24,444</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Charitable activities:</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities		6,970	14,135	21,105	14,054
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>6,970</b>	<b>14,135</b>	<b>21,105</b>	<b>14,054</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments) for the financial year</b>		<b>(1,220)</b>	<b>7,852</b>	<b>6,632</b>	<b>10,390</b>
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2022		4,241	9,791	14,032	3,642
<b>Balances carried forward at 31 March 2023</b>		<b>3,021</b>	<b>17,643</b>	<b>20,664</b>	<b>14,032</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>					
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank and cash		3,021	17,643	20,664	14,032

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
 Catherine Bescond Sands  
 Trustee

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

### 1. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

### 2. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

3. Restricted Grant Income	2023 £	2022 £
Community Relations Council	2,253	5,928
Department of Foreign Affairs; Reconciliation Fund	19,734	12,466
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	-	1,400
Other	-	967
	<u>21,987</u>	<u>20,761</u>

The grant from Department of Foreign Affairs; Reconciliation Fund was used for the Rostrevor Ongoing Conversation Think Tank (ROC-TT).