

Artsawonder
Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

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Artsawonder REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Catherine Bescond Sands Gabriel Scally Ciara Foster (Appointed 1 April 2023) Mary Bernadette Verner (Resigned 12 April 2024) William Knox Graham Jennifer Lawson Clarke (Resigned 1 September 2024)
Charity Number in Northern Ireland	107564
Principal Address	50 Shore Road Rostrevor Co. Down BT34 3AA Northern Ireland
Independent Examiner	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 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

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 processes which create the space for transformative dialogue, utilising the potential of the arts for healing and mutual understanding directed at specific groups of leaders and/or 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.

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

The Rostrevor Ongoing Conversation (ROC-TT) or Rostrevor Group continued to meet with 4 face to face meetings and 3 zoom meetings, one of such meetings being 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. The Project is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs (RoI).

Artshealing - This pioneering project consists 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 and how it can help further Peace and Reconciliation. Open to the public, the seminar examines the historic relationship between medicine and music, bringing us up to date with the very latest scientific evidence available. It took place in Rostrevor and was also organised in Cambridge University. This project is funded by private donors.

Diversity Summer Camp - This project is design for children aged 6 to 15yrs old. It brings together children from different nationalities, religions and ethnicities. Through games, crafts, arts and sports, they discover different cultures with respect and interest. The wealth offered by a variety of cultures was highlighted. This project was funded by Peace 4 through the Newry Mourne and Down District Council.

This year Artsawonder spent significant time appraising new projects, establishing new contacts and looking for funding to increase activities in the future.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The trustees of the charity are :

Chairperson: Catherine Bescond-Sands

Secretary: Mary Bernadette Verner (Resigned 12 April 2024)

Treasurer: Ciara Foster (Appointed 01 April 2023)

William Graham

Mrs Jennifer Lawson Clark (Resigned 01 September 24)

Dr Gabriel Scally

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

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.

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The Rostrevor Ongoing Conversation (ROC-TT) or Rostrevor Group is not a public event but benefits are expressed through circles of influence and ultimately to the wider cohort of end beneficiaries which is the citizenry of Northern Ireland.

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

The ArtsHealing projects involves academics and adds 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.

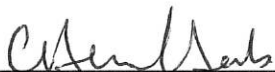
Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £13,335 (2023 - £20,664) and liabilities of £0.00 (2023 - £0.00). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £7,329.

Reserves Position and Policy

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Catherine Bescond Sands
Trustee

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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 2024, 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

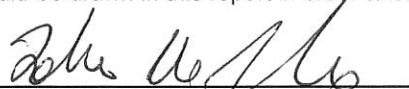
We have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes 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
- 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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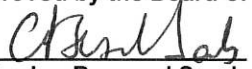
Date: 23 January 2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts and Payments Account					
Receipts					
Voluntary Income					
Donations and legacies		3,636	-	3,636	5,750
Grants received		-	19,608	19,608	-
		<u>3,636</u>	<u>19,608</u>	<u>23,244</u>	<u>5,750</u>
Charitable activities:					
Income from charitable activities		1,880	-	1,880	21,987
Total receipts		<u>5,516</u>	<u>19,608</u>	<u>25,124</u>	<u>27,737</u>
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Expenditure on charitable activities		4,198	28,255	32,453	21,105
Total payments		<u>4,198</u>	<u>28,255</u>	<u>32,453</u>	<u>21,105</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the financial year					
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2023		1,318	(8,647)	(7,329)	6,632
		<u>3,021</u>	<u>17,643</u>	<u>20,664</u>	<u>14,032</u>
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2024		<u>4,339</u>	<u>8,996</u>	<u>13,335</u>	<u>20,664</u>
Statement of Assets and Liabilities					
Cash funds					
Bank and cash		4,339	8,996	13,335	20,664
		<u>4,339</u>	<u>8,996</u>	<u>13,335</u>	<u>20,664</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by


 Catherine Bescond Sands
 Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Community Relations Council	1,934	2,253
Department of Foreign Affairs; Reconciliation Fund	13,474	19,734
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council	4,200	-
	<u>19,608</u>	<u>21,987</u>

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