

Fighting For Autism(Europe)
Registered Charity Number 1189562
Account Summary
19/02/2020-31/03/2021

List of trustees

Paul Greany- Chairman Anthony Bailey- Secretary David Holstead- Treasurer Julia Hilliard- (Temporary Treasurer) Steven Riley Karl Butcher.

Fighting For Autism (Europe) was granted registered charity status on the 19th of May 2020 this summary is for the period from 19th May 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Major challenges were faced upon the status being granted primarily owing to COVID-19 and the many subsequent changes that it has brought along with it, which has had a detrimental affect on the people we have aimed to assist and the ways in which we can assist.

Banking.

Most of the main high street banks were solely dealing with government initiatives that covered small business during the pandemic (e.g bounce-back loans for small businesses) This in turn meant that the majority of high street banks were no longer taking on new businesses and charity accounts were unable to be created. Fighting For Autism (Europe) eventually managed to find a High Street Bank that were still taking new Charity accounts as new business, but there was a significant delay in being able to create an account and also gain access to the account which has been far from ideal.

This has also led to an inability for the Treasurer of Fighting For Autism (Europe) being unable to get to his nearest branch to fulfil the criteria required to gain access, owing to distance and requests for repeated visits to the banking provider, The charity had to ask one of the other other trustees to become a temporary treasurer until such a time that a nearer branch is created, the criteria can be achieved via telephone/electronic mail or an alternative banking provider could be sourced.

Revenue.

Fighting For Autism (Europe) revenue streams for the period from 19th May 2020 to 31st of May 2021 have been via cheque donations with the long delay in finding a banking provider meant our first donation that came via cheque was received in November 2020.

The challenges faced with COVID-19 and the constantly changing government guidelines and criteria meant that the clubs that we work alongside were unable to open and in turn the individuals we aim to assist were unable attend, this in turn prevented Fighting For Autism (Europe) in having the engagement we would normally as the way in which we aimed to operate and the people we aimed to assist by the criteria and guidelines imposed owing to COVID-19.

This severely also impacted fighting For Autism (Europe) from having a physical presence at awareness initiatives or seminars where the potential to fund raise would have been available, as social gathering had been restricted and impacted the mission of the charity significantly, bringing it to a virtual standstill. In January 2021 Fighting For Autism (Europe) purchased a one year subscription to Zoom which is a media platform that enables multiple users to engage in online meetings/gathering could take place, albeit via a different method, the ideology was to maintain some form of engagement and provide information, support or activities that could be carried out online, until such a time that the criteria/ guidelines change so that indoor social gathering measures are relaxed and indoor activities can resume.

Revenue received 19th May 2020 - 31st March 2021.

£2746.43p

Revenue Spent 19th May 2020- 31st March 2021

£143.88p

Payments to staff. £0.00p

Expenses Claimed £0.00p

Charity Balance 31st March 2021

£2602.55p

Future Plans for the Charity

Until changes are made to the criteria/guidelines on social gathering and exercise are made.

Fighting For Autism (Europe) will endeavour to provide assistance and guidance electronically by the means of social media presence, to be able to further promote for autism awareness, acceptance and inclusion we are currently in the process of creating our charity website, this will enable Fighting For Autism (Europe) to be able to provide information on the charity and its aims, and how we can assist, as well as be able to provide links to our already established social media accounts.

Paul Greany Chairman Fighting For Autism (Europe)