# **The Natashas Project**

# Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 28 February 2022

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## ANNUAL REPORT

#### For the year ended 28 February 2022

#### Legal and Administrative Information

The Natashas Project (TNP) was founded in 2013. It has been a registered charity, number 1176994, since 5 February 2018 and the address for correspondence is 2 Fensomes Close, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP2 5DH or e-mail info@thenatashaproject.co.uk. Its governing document is its Constitution.

#### **Objects/Principal Activities**

The objects of the Charity is to use dance and performance to inform and equip the public about Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery and support survivors through the use of creative arts.

Its three branches are:-

Performance: TNP gives professional dance productions that raise awareness through informing audiences on the effects and realities of modern slavery. The performances aim to instigate and empower change, by taking audiences through a journey of lost innocence, 21st century slavery, and how this injustice still affects every single society throughout the world today.

Education: TNP has audience tailored workshops that have been created to inform, equip and inspire students and participants to take ownership of instances of human trafficking in their own communities and engage in conversations about safe relationships.

Restorative: The third branch works with survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking, through its Restorative Dance Workshops. These are fun, creative workshops which aim to develop confidence, self-esteem, physical fitness and ownership of survivors' bodies. The workshops use a broad range of music genres, to encourage amateur musicians, in order to promote appreciation of music by the public.

All branches of TNP signpost the audience to services and organisations in their local areas, where they can either contribute to anti trafficking and anti-slavery activities, or access more information on the subject.

# Organisation

TNP is governed by the Board of Trustees which is responsible for all aspects of the organisation that affect this UK-based Charity.

As at the year ended 28 February 2022, the Board of Trustees was made up as follows:

Jim Treherne - Chair Sophie Smyth - Secretary Kevin Lowen - Treasurer Timothy Withers - Trustee

The Trustees may appoint new trustees throughout the year. They are all volunteers.

Hannah Parker Beldeau resigned as Trustee on 1 March 2021 Rebecca Kinahan resigned as Chair on 25 October 2021 Jim Treherne was appointed as a Trustee on 1 September 2021 and Chair on 25 October 2021 Quinton Lake resigned as Trustee on 5 January 2022 Timothy Withers was appointed as a Trustee on 1 February 2022

TNP's bankers are Natwest Bank.

#### **Review of Activities**

Restorative branch: TNP commenced the year reaching survivors online but reverted to Faceto-Face workshops as post-COVID restrictions allowed. A fourth lottery grant for £10,000 was received during the year.

#### Financial Review

The overall result for the year was a deficit of £4,679 compared with a surplus of £3,389 the previous year.

#### Reserves

TNP aims to maintain funds of at least £2,000 so that it is able to enter into contracts to hire performance venues and commit to other expenditure for the following year.

#### **Risk Management**

The Board of Trustees has examined the principal areas of the Charity's operations and considered what major risks may arise in each of these areas. In the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the Charity has established resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow the risks identified by them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day to day operations.

The Charity has appropriate risk mitigation measures in place including policies and training on the following:

Working with vulnerable groups - particularly survivors of human trafficking First Aid

The Charity ensures all volunteers and staff have up to date DBS checks prior to working with children or vulnerable adults

#### Future prospects

TNP will continue to provide support to women and victims of trafficking via workshops in and around London, Swindon, Bristol and Manchester.

TNP will be exploring activities under the Education Branch for Primary Schools and to explore opportunities for the showcasing of "On Demand", in the latter half of 2022/23.

I declare, in my capacity of Charity Trustee, that:

- the Trustees have approved the report above; and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

Kevin Lowen Treasurer/Trustee 7 September 2022

## THE NATASHAS PROJECT

				2022		•	2021
1	Notes	Restricted Unrestricted To		Total	Restricted L	Unrestricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from:							
Grant income		10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Donations and fundraising			8,044	8,044		1,985	1,985
Charitable activities			331	331		370	370
Total income		10,000	8,375	18,375	10,000	2,355	12,355
Expenditure on:							
Fees	3	14,187	5,859	20,046	5,681	1,748	7,429
Other costs	4	2,210	798	3,008	1,129	408	1,537
Total expenditure		16,397	6,657	23,054	6,810	2,156	8,966
Net income		(6,397)	1,718	(4,679)	3,190	199	3,389
Accumulated Funds brought forward		9,070	4,060	13,130	5,880	3,861	9,741
Accumulated Funds carried forward		2,673	5,778	8,451	9,070	4,060	13,130

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 28 February 2022

BALANCE SHEET as at 28 February	2022 Note	2022	2021
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		8,451	13,130
		8,451	13,130
REPRESENTED BY Restricted Funds Unrestricted Funds TOTAL FUNDS	5	2,673 5,778 8,451	9,070 4,060 13,130

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Kevin Lowen Treasurer/Trustee 7 September 2022

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 28 February 2022

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including:

- a) FRS102 1A, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" as applies to small companies;
- b) The 2015 Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

#### Incoming

- a) Grant income is accounted for on receipt, but taken to restricted funds until all their terms and conditions of receipt are met.
- b) Donations from individuals and organisations and from fundraising events are accounted for when received.
- c) Charitable activities, which includes income from performances at venues, are accounted for when received.

#### Expenditure

Resources expended are accounted for on a cash basis, inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used, in accordance with the charitable objects, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of TNP. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes. The nature and purpose of each restricted fund is set out in note 5.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Items below £750 are not capitalised. During the year ended 28 February 2021 TNP had no tangible fixed assets.

#### 2. Trustees expenses

No member of the Board of Trustees or any person connected with them has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from TNP funds.

#### 3. Fees

Fees include payments to teachers, choreographers, stage managers, consultants and dancers. Some consultants were paid a fee which was directed to a money purchase pension scheme of their choosing.

#### 4. Other costs

Other costs include travel costs for performers, costumes, equipment, studio hire, training and development, advertising, insurance and office expenses

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# 5. Restricted funds

## **Restrictive Funds 2021/22**

	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Balance at
	28 February 2021			28 February 2022
	£	£	£	£
a) The National Lottery	9,070	10,000	(16,397	) 2,673

#### a) The National Lottery

A fourth grant was received on 21/1/22 for £10,000 for Restorative workshops

### 6. Related party transactions

Total donations given to the Charity during the 12 month period by Trustees, key management personnel and persons connected to them were  $\pounds$ 4,437 (year ended 28 February 2021:  $\pounds$ 1,660).