# acta Community Theatre Ltd Report and Unaudited Financial Statements 31 March 2023

#### Reference and administrative details

#### For the year ended 31 March 2023

Company number 02157661

Charity number 800174

Registered office and operational address

actacentre Gladstone Street Bedminster

Bristol BS3 3AY

Trustees Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the

year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Jeanette Bain-Burnett (Chair, appointed 9 June 2023)

Alex Bishop

Stephanie Brammar (Resigned 26 September 2022)

Ruth Cochrane John Davidson

Barbara Dettering (resigned 9 June 2023)

Kathryn Hopkins

Maria Nilsson (Treasurer)

Kerrie Schaefer

Key management personnel

Oliver Jones (Director)

Bertel Martin (Finance and Operations Manager)

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#### Chair's report

#### For the year ended 31 March 2023

I'm proud to introduce my first trustees' report as Chair of acta theatre. From our home in Bedminster, acta has developed a powerful track record, across Bristol and beyond, working with groups who might not otherwise have access to the joy of participating in theatre. It's been moving this year to see the ongoing impact of acta's work on a wide range of groups and communities. The organisation created dozens of platforms for creative expression and personal development through our brilliant staff, creative associates and volunteers.

Our volunteers were recognised through the historic final round of Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service, presented to us by the Lord Lieutenant, Peaches Golding MBE. This was a meaningful moment of reflection and celebration, which summed up the spirit of acta.

I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to the leadership, staff team and wider circle of participants and volunteers who bring acta's work to life, as we look forward to another challenging and exciting year removing barriers to creative expression.

This year has seen further change in the organisation, especially in terms of governance with the appointment of a new Chair, Jeanette Bain-Burnett. Interim Chair, Stef Brammar, stepped down from the board at the end of 2022, having served the organisation through the transition to new leadership.

The organisation is feeling the benefit of having a stable and future facing leadership and delivery team with both our Director, Oliver Jones, and Finance and Operations Manager Bertel Martin completing their first two and one years with the company respectively. This year we're also celebrating thirty years since Ingrid Jones, our Associate Director, first started working for the organisation. Ingrid continues to lead many of our projects, directing several shows in our theatre every year.

Creatively, we have had an incredibly fruitful year running regular groups; impactful, bespoke projects; and CPD initiatives both online and in person.

We continued to deliver four youth theatre groups in Lockleaze through funding from Children in Need, as well as continuing to support up to 15 young people aged 16 to 25 years in our Phoenix group. We were also successful in a bid to Bristol City Council to deliver a youth theatre show with young people in Bedminster in Summer 2023. Additionally, our associate Hiba delivered a number of youth projects including a Sudanese Youth Theatre for young people aged 7 to 14 years who created their own devised performances including traditional Sudanese songs, Zola Tales, a theatre group who created a performance about Melket Aldar Abdallah, and a Mothers and Daughters story creation and podcast project. We also delivered Fen for Fun with Hiba, a creative holiday intensive for ages 7 to 14 including break dance, puppetry, drumming and visual art. Our young people's work was complemented by Lockleaze Little Legends, a project delivered by our associate Jody Cook, working with pre-school children and their families, with a focus on developing social skills, friendships and new creative skills.

Our Associates continued to receive vital support from core staff to lead projects for, by and with their communities, especially in fundraising. We also continued our international seminar series, our new CPD initiative, Elevate, and our Cornerstone Group. All of this was made possible by three years of generous support from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, which came to an end in 2022 to 2023.

#### Chair's report

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This year, Cornerstone worked with participants who have both physical and mental health challenges, and migrants from countries such as Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Palestine. The production that the group created this year, 'Coming Home', was very well received by the audience and explored the nature of home and identity set in a dying world. As with all acta shows, the participants themselves came up with the subject matter and story, and it was fascinating to see that their focus was on the environmental crisis. Our further adult work included acta Company creating a moving and brave performance, Dying Matters, around themes of bereavement, and our day time adult group, Pick N Mix, who created a performance called Fixing Things, set in a repair shop and celebrating British comic traditions.

As well as our young people's work, Silent Heroine's Disco has been the main focus of Jody's work this year and our support to her. The production was first performed last year in a venue within Lockleaze. This year, her ambition was to creatively progress the production, and to take it on a short tour. Acta supported Jody to apply to Arts Council England for funding which was successful, and then to co-facilitate and direct the production and associated workshops. The production toured to acta itself as well as other venues in Bristol and Weston-super-Mare. The performances were accompanied by workshops exploring the themes of the show, run by Jody and other freelance artists.

Our seminar series continued to be well attended with excellent feedback from participating artists. We delivered three seminars this year, informed by suggestions from previous attendees of the seminar programme and acta's current practice. These included 'Scaling Up', 'Working Inclusively', and 'Story to Script'.

We piloted a new CPD programme, Elevate, where we recruited a cohort of 10 community theatre artists from a diverse array of backgrounds, and also opened up each session to other artists, many of whom attended most of the sessions. The programme received excellent feedback and will evolve in the future.

This year we have also initiated a new two year programme for people aged 15 to 25 who identify as a woman or as a girl and face barriers to being involved in theatre. The programme is free to attend, and requires no previous experience. The scheme offers workshops including acting, movement, puppetry, directing, script writing, set design, lighting and sound design, stage management, and costume design, led by experienced industry professionals. There are also mentoring sessions with a theatre professional, outings to the theatre, and the opportunity to complete a Silver Arts Award.

Alongside this breadth of work, we also raised funds from WECA to create and deliver a brand new project, Pathway, working with marginalised people in our community using creative activities to support them in their journey to further skills, volunteering and employment opportunities. Many of these participants, and those from our regular groups, also attended our new Creative Wellbeing Café weekly, to enjoy free creative activity and a safe, warm and welcoming space.

Jeanette Bain Burnett Chair, acta Council of Management

#### Report of the trustees

#### For the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2019).

As a charity registered in England and Wales, the charitable company also reports in accordance with the Charity Commission for England and Wales' guidance on public benefit and the Charities Act 2011.

#### Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association (September 1987), which provide details of the Council of Management and procedures for the Annual General Meeting, at which at least one third of trustees, those who have been longest in office, will be subject to retirement or rotation. The Memorandum of Association established the objects and powers of the charitable company, which is governed under its Articles of Association. The Council of Management act as both directors of the company and trustees of the charity, and give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits. The Council of Management meets twice monthly, and meetings are also attended by the Director and Finance and Operations Manager who work with the Chair and subcommittees to set the agenda. Trustees are also expected to serve on at least one of four subcommittees, which are currently responsible for Ambition & Quality, Environment, Finance, and Inclusivity & Relevance. Each subcommittee appoints a representative to report back on actions and proposals to be signed off by the full Council of Management.

The company accounts are reviewed by the trustees on a quarterly basis to ensure annual targets will be met, with the Treasurer attending twice monthly finance subcommittee meetings with the Director and Finance and Operations Manager prior to reporting back to the full Council of Management.

Employees are consulted on issues of concern to them through weekly company meetings and have been kept informed on specific matters directly by the Director and Finance and Operations Manager, in addition to regular supervision meetings. There is regular communication between management members and employees, both through the Director and Finance and Operations Manager, the Artistic Directorate and staff reports to the Council of Management.

The Director liaises with the trustees on the annual job review process for each employee.

The charity has implemented a number of detailed policies in relation to all aspects of personnel matters including Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, Health & Safety and Volunteers.

Full details of the business plan and policies are available from the actacentre.

#### **Public benefit**

All of acta's work exists for the benefit of the public, to bring about positive change for individuals and the community through promoting active, creative participation in theatre.

acta exists to support vulnerable people and marginalised communities; for those who may have low confidence and self worth; live in isolation, or suffer poor mental and physical health.

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#### For the year ended 31 March 2023

acta's tried and tested method, which uses a combination of sharing stories and experiences, developing imaginations and creativity, devising and performing theatre, has been proven to:

- Reduce social isolation by working with partner agencies to identify and engage potential beneficiaries in creative social activities:
- Improve well being by being part of a team, being valued, raising self esteem and self worth;
- Improve self confidence and transferable skills by developing skills in presentation, language, communication, cooperative working; and
- Improve relationships between cultures and generations by working together across cultures and generations to develop mutual respect, and make new friendships.

acta creates high quality and relevant community theatre, whilst also making happier, healthier and more connected people.

Core	val	ues	are:
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Participation acta exists to provide access to participation in the arts for the most

vulnerable and excluded sections of society;

Ownership acta is committed to co-creation of all artistic product, with participants

and professional facilitators sharing equal status;

Excellence in facilitation, in performance process, in co-production and in

the product;

Inclusiveness acta is committed to providing equal opportunities to people without

privilege, engaging marginalised people and promoting intercultural and

intergenerational dialogue through theatre;

Partnership acta is committed to proactively developing collaborations and

partnerships within arts and wider sectors at local, national and

international levels; and

Valuing people acta is a caring organisation that listens to and supports vulnerable

people, valuing their stories, cultural heritage and life experiences and

enabling them to share these assets through making new theatre.

The Company has delivered 392 workshops (12% online and 88% in person) with 248 people of all ages (two thirds with children and young adults up to 25 years.)

This programme has enabled the production of 7 original new shows, acta staff also supported acta associates Jody Cook to produce Silent Heroines Disco, and Hiba Abdulaziz to organise Sudafest- a cultural Sudanese festival, Sudanese Youth Theatre and Sufia- a Sudanese girls story telling group.

We were also fortunate to receive funding to launch a new initiative, the Wellbeing Café. The aim of the café is to reduce isolation and offer arts activity to help improve people's wellbeing. With huge support from our volunteering team, one day a week we provide a space where people can have a coffee and cake, meet friends or have a chat with volunteers, and a drop in arts activity that people can do on their own or with friends.

With funding provided by WECA, we piloted Pathway. This was a programme that enabled participants to explore their future aspirations through creative play. The WECA fund also allowed us to pilot a new approach to support professional development in our Elevate project. Elevate saw 40 creative practitioners develop their creative and business skills in the programme.

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Our professional development programme got an extra boost with funding from Ragdoll that allowed us to offer free theatre skills training to young girls aged 16 to 25. Forge started in September and is a 2 year development programme for young girls that will allow them to complete an Arts Award.

The company continuously reviews its aims and objectives to ensure that activities are developed in accordance with stated charitable purposes. Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit to review acta's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### Aims and objectives

The Memorandum and Articles of Association describe our objects as follows:

- Instigate and supervise drama projects for youth and community groups;
- Provide all sections of society with the opportunity to participate in theatre;
- Supervise drama sessions with people who are encouraged to create and perform their own;
- Identify (in conjunction with others if necessary) areas and communities in which theatre activities are lacking and to remedy deficiencies identified as a result;
- Design projects which emphasise the educational aspects of workshops and the personal and social development of individuals within a group; and
- Supervise projects which are designed to assist community development.

#### Purpose – strategic aims

acta believes that theatre is for everyone, and exists to promote opportunities to access theatre and the related arts.

The Company works to a diversity action plan with the following strategic aims:

- acta workshops are open to everyone within the project target group;
- acta will make no charges to participants for workshops, and keep box office prices to a minimum, to ensure people are not prevented from participating for economic reasons;
- Workshops and performance venues are always welcoming, and accessible to the needs of the specific target group;
- acta will endeavour to provide transport to workshops for participants who may not otherwise be able to attend; and
- acta's artistic policy is to give all participants an equal opportunity to be involved in the project, with people encouraged to develop their own roles within the group. Project participants devise all acta shows, thus ensuring their relevance to the communities with which we are working.

### Achievements and performance – a review of activities

Despite a challenging year, acta has delivered a significant artistic and activity programme, and started to explore new areas and opportunities to put the skills of the staff and the resources of the organisation to the benefit of the communities it serves.

#### Key programme activities

#### **Connecting People**

Acta's workshops are almost all in person, with the exception of some of the Young Carers sessions. This has helped people reconnect and introduced new people to our workshops.

The Wellbeing Café has been a good addition to providing another approach for people to connect with friends and introduce new people to the acta's community.

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#### Cornerstone

The third year of the three year Cornerstone programme, supported by Paul Hamlyn Fund (PHF), enabled acta staff to support acta associates to develop projects and apply for funding to bring them to reality, it also supported a short outreach programme to engage with refugees and supported them to take part in regular acta workshops.

We supported Jody Cook to develop a production of Silent Heroines Disco at a new venue in Lockleaze, and worked with Hiba Elhindi to apply for funding for her work with Sudanese young people and families.

The PHF investment also supports the Company's sector development initiatives, which include the seminar series, digital resources and community theatre facilitator training. The seminar series is still online and we delivered three seminars through the year, with a national and international focus.

#### Youth theatre

The Lockleaze Kids group workshops, supported by BBC Children in Need, continue to meet in person and had an active programme leading to a production planned for May 2023, performed at the acta centre.

#### International

This year has been one of consolidation and adapting to the new working culture. This has meant that international work dropped down the priority list but is still in acta's plans.

#### Financial and reserves review

The company managed to add to its programme of workshops, projects and activities, but a standstill of funding from ACE and Bristol City Council alongside increases in utility prices and increases in overheads means we will see a drop in our unrestricted, general reserves down to £93,697.

The trustees continuously review their policy on free reserves, consulting Charity Commission guidance. acta has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed to, or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity (general funds), should be three months' normal operating costs, circa £100,000, although trustees recognise that this is challenging to meet in the current climate.

Although the charity's reserves currently fall slightly short, the charity will work towards meeting its reserves target, and are exploring new sources of funding and opportunities for income generation that tie in with acta's vision and values. The trustees therefore consider that the charity will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

#### Risk management

The trustees work closely with the Director And Finance and Operations Manager to manage risks associated with the management of the Company.

The company continues to invest in fundraising, and to diversify its funding sources and activities, to hedge against the potential loss of income. The company benefits from a clear fundraising strategy, and has secured funding from Arts Council England until 2026 and Bristol City Council Culture until 2024.

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#### For the year ended 31 March 2023

Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects, to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

#### Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

#### Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 12 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Jeanette Bain-Burnett

J. E. Burnett

Chair, acta Council of Management

#### Independent examiner's report

#### To the trustees of

#### acta Community Theatre Ltd

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of acta Community Theatre Ltd (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 26.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I 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 accounts to be reached.

William Guy Blake

Date: 13 September 2023
William Guy Blake ACA
Member of the ICAEW
For and on behalf of:
Godfrey Wilson Limited
Chartered accountants and statutory auditors
5th Floor Mariner House
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#### Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Income from:	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Donations and legacies	3	-	113,786	113,786	135,214
Charitable activities Other trading activities Investments	4 5	165,983 - 	21,443 15,468 1,071	187,426 15,468 1,071	316,337 2,545 <u>27</u>
Total income		165,983	151,768	317,751	454,123
Expenditure on: Raising funds Charitable activities		- 198,137	85,877 69,394	85,877 267,531	69,902 291,788
Total expenditure	6	198,137	155,271	353,408	361,690
Net income / (expenditure)		(32,154)	(3,503)	(35,657)	92,433
Transfers between funds		6,377	(6,377)		
Net movement in funds	7	(25,777)	(9,880)	(35,657)	92,433
Reconciliation of funds: Total funds brought forward		122,553	127,748	250,301	157,868
Total funds carried forward		96,776	117,868	214,644	250,301

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 14 to the accounts.

#### **Balance sheet**

#### As at 31 March 2023

Fixed assets	Note	£	2023 £	2022 £
Tangible assets	10		9,171	12,229
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	11	35,978 182,056		24,802 229,402
		218,034		254,204
Liabilities Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year Net current assets	12	(12,561)	205,473	(16,132) 238,072
Net assets	13		214,644	250,301
Funds Restricted funds Unrestricted funds Designated funds General funds	14		96,776 24,171 93,697	122,553 27,229 100,519
Total charity funds			214,644	250,301

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 12 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Jeanette Bain-Burnett

J. E. Bunett

Chair, acta Council of Management

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 March 2023

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

acta Community Theatre Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

#### b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £93,697, and a cash balance of £182,056. The trustees therefore consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

#### c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

#### d) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### e) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

#### f) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 March 2023

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### g) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2023	2022
Raising funds	30%	24%
Charitable activities	70%	76%

#### h) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Stage equipment	25% reducing balance
Office fittings and equipment	25% reducing balance

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

#### i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### i) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### k) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### I) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### m) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

#### Notes to the financial statements

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### n) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are described below.

#### Depreciation

As described in note 1h to the financial statements, depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

#### 2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

			2022
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	-	135,214	135,214
Charitable activities	294,107	22,230	316,337
Other trading activities	-	2,545	2,545
Investments		27	27
Total income	294,107	160,016	454,123
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	69,902	69,902
Charitable activities	232,443	59,345	291,788
Total expenditure	232,443	129,247	361,690
Net income	61,664	30,769	92,433
Tour for Later or for L	40.000	(40.000)	
Transfers between funds	16,938	(16,938)	
Net movement in funds	79 602	13,831	02 422
Net movement in funus	78,602	13,031	92,433

## Notes to the financial statements

## For the year ended 31 March 2023

3.	Income from donations and legacies				
	_			2023	2022
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Core funding:				
	Arts Council England NPO Funding	-	81,472	81,472	81,472
	Bristol City Council Key Arts Provider	-	20,400	20,400	20,400
	Singer Foundation	-	-	-	11,987
	Thresholds Ltd	-	-	-	10,000
	The 29th May 1961 Charity	-	-	-	5,000
	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	-	-	-	610
	Donations		11,914	11,914	5,745
	Total income from donations		113,786	113,786	135,214

All income from donations and legacies in the prior year was unrestricted.

#### 4. Income from charitable activities

income from charitable activities			2023
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Cranto > CE 000	L	L	£
Grants > £5,000	00.400		00.400
BBC Children in Need: Lockleaze Kids	36,498	-	36,498
St Monica Trust: Making time	19,836	-	19,836
Nisbet Charitable Trust	17,329	-	17,329
WECA: Core	13,000	-	13,000
The long group	12,114	-	12,114
Well being café	11,760	-	11,760
Ragdoll: Forge	11,000	-	11,000
Nisbet Charitable Trust: Phoenix	10,000	_	10,000
Quartet: Young carers	7,000	-	7,000
Quartet: Thriving theatre	5,000	-	5,000
WECA:Elevate	17,709	-	17,709
Other grants < £5,000	4,737		4,737
Total grants	165,983	-	165,983
Box office and ticket sales	-	3,735	3,735
Fee income		17,708	17,708
Total income from charitable activities	165,983	21,443	187,426

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4.	Income from charitable activities (contin	ued)			2022
	Prior period comparative		D ()	11	_
			Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	Cremte > CF 000		£	£	£
	Grants > £5,000		400.000		400.000
	Paul Hamlyn Foundation		180,000	-	180,000
	BBC Children in Need		21,459	-	21,459
	EU Creative Europe: RAPPORT		20,000	-	20,000
	St Monica Trust		19,836	-	19,836
	People's Postcode Lottery		10,890	-	10,890
	Nisbet Charitable Trust		10,000	-	10,000
	National Lottery		9,995	-	9,995
	West of England Combined Authority		9,982	-	9,982
	Other grants < £5,000		11,945		11,945
	Total grants		294,107	-	294,107
	Box office and ticket sales		-	3,961	3,961
	Fee income			18,269	18,269
	Total income from charitable activities		294,107	22,230	316,337
5.	Income from other trading activities				
				2023	2022
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Premises hire	-	12,840	12,840	1,354
	Theatre bar sales	_	1,402	1,402	1,184
	Café sales	_	1,226	1,226	7
	Total income from other trading				
	activities		15,468	15,468	2,545

All income from other trading activities in the prior year was unrestricted.

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#### 6. Total expenditure

Total experiulture			C	
	Raising	Charitable	Support and	2023
	funds	activities	governance costs	
	funds	£	£	Total
	L	L	L	£
Staff costs (note 8)	47,515	112,316	77,715	237,546
Freelance fees	-	36,211	-	36,211
Premises costs	_	-	21,532	21,532
Vehicle hire	-	3,020	-	3,020
Production costs	-	9,229	-	9,229
Office costs	-	, -	6,716	6,716
Insurance	-	-	7,414	7,414
Travel and accommodation	-	685	, -	685
Depreciation	_	3,058	-	3,058
Print, publicity and documentation	-	9,361	-	9,361
Venue hire	-	3,522	-	3,522
Participant expenses	-	4,534	-	4,534
Training	-	-	3,927	3,927
Audit and accountancy	-	-	2,402	2,402
Affiliations and subscriptions	-	-	570	570
Bank charges	-	-	529	529
Bar/ café costs	2,152	-	-	2,152
Donations made			1,000	1,000
Sub-total	49,667	181,936	121,805	353,408
Allocation of support and governance costs	36,210	85,595	(121,805)	
Total expenditure	85,877	267,531		353,408

Total governance costs for the year were £2,402.

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6.	Total expenditure (continued) Prior period comparative	Raising	Charitable	Support and governance	2022
		funds	activities	costs	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Staff costs (note 8)	48,611	157,113	43,472	249,196
	Freelance fees	-	42,877	-	42,877
	Premises costs	-	-	20,131	20,131
	Vehicle hire	-	1,735	-	1,735
	Production costs	-	6,846	-	6,846
	Office costs	-	-	7,815	7,815
	Insurance	-	-	7,043	7,043
	Travel and accommodation	-	507	-	507
	Depreciation	-	3,860	-	3,860
	Print, publicity and documentation	-	4,370	-	4,370
	Venue hire	-	4,465	-	4,465
	Participant expenses	-	1,202	-	1,202
	Training	-	-	2,998	2,998
	Audit and accountancy	-	-	7,813	7,813
	Affiliations and subscriptions	-	-	744	744
	Bank charges			88	88
	Sub-total	48,611	222,975	90,104	361,690
	Allocation of support and governance costs	21,291	68,813	(90,104)	
	Total expenditure	69,902	291,788		361,690

Total governance costs were £7,813.

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7.	Net movement in funds This is stated after charging:		
	• •	2023	2022
		£	£
	Depreciation	3,058	3,860
	Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
	Trustees' reimbursed expenses	41	45
	Independent examiner's remuneration:		
	<ul> <li>Independent examination (excluding VAT)</li> </ul>	1,650	1,500
	<ul> <li>Other services</li> </ul>	-	5,399

Trustee reimbursed expenses relate to travel expenses for one trustee (2022: one trustee).

#### 8. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages Social security costs Pension costs	217,226 15,347 4,973	226,710 17,309 5,177
	237,546	249,196

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current or prior year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees, Executive Director and Finance and Operations manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £91,195 (2022: £82,073).

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Average head count	<u>7.5</u>	8.5

#### 9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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10.	Tangible fixed assets			
	·	Stage equipment £	Office fittings & equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 1 April 2022 Additions in year	122,606	62,742	185,348 
	At 31 March 2023	122,606	62,742	185,348
	<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 April 2022 Charge for the year	117,250 1,339	55,869 1,719	173,119 3,058
	At 31 March 2023	118,589	57,588	176,177
	Net book value At 31 March 2023	4,017	5,154	9,171
	At 31 March 2022	5,356	6,873	12,229
11.	Debtors		2023 £	2022 £
	Trade debtors Prepayments Other debtors		9,311 3,756 22,911	350 3,606 20,846
			35,978	24,802
12.	Creditors : amounts due within 1 year		2023	2022
			£	£
	Trade creditors Accruals Other taxation and social security Other creditors		223 1,980 9,054 1,304	7,338 1,800 5,759 1,235
			12,561	16,132

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	General funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Current liabilities	96,776 	9,171 15,000 	106,258 (12,561)	9,171 218,034 (12,561)
Net assets at 31 March 2023	96,776	24,171	93,697	214,644
Prior year comparative	Restricted funds	Designated funds	General funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Current liabilities	122,553 	12,229 15,000	116,651 (16,132)	12,229 254,204 (16,132)
Net assets at 31 March 2022	122,553	27,229	100,519	250,301

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#### 14. Movements in funds

. Movements in funds				Transfers	
	At 1 April			between	At 31 March
	2022	Income	Expenditure	funds	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Paul Hamlyn Foundation:					
Cornerstone	90,000	-	(75,663)	(3,625)	10,712
BBC Children in Need:					
Lockleaze Kids	(193)	36,498	(21,705)	-	14,600
Nisbet Charitable Trust:					
Phoenix	1,639	27,329	(11,854)	-	17,114
Quartet: Young Carers	2,638	7,000	(4,511)	-	5,127
Lottery: Sudanese Youth					
Theatre	9,995	-	(7,018)	-	2,977
Sufia	3,720	-	(5,090)	-	(1,370)
St Monica Trust: Making time	5,851	19,836	(15,858)	-	9,829
WECA:Elevate	-	17,709	(19,324)	1,615	-
Wellbeing café	3,000	11,760	(8,637)	-	6,123
Ragdoll: Forge	-	11,000	(10,300)	3,625	4,325
GambleAware: The long group	-	12,114	(2,905)	-	9,209
Quartet: Thriving theatre	-	5,000	(2,011)	-	2,989
Quartet: Core	-	10,000	(4,650)	-	5,350
WECA: Core	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Other small grants	5,903	4,737	(5,611)	4,762	9,791
Total restricted funds	122,553	165,983	(198,137)	6,377	96,776
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds:					
Premises repairs reserve	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Equipment reserve	12,229	-	(3,058)	-	9,171
Thresholds	5,000				5,000
Total designated funds	27,229		(3,058)		24,171
General funds	100,519	151,768	(152,213)	(6,377)	93,697
Total unrestricted funds	127,748	151,768	(155,271)	(6,377)	117,868
Total funds	250,301	317,751	(353,408)	_	214,644
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14.	Movements in funds (continu	ed)			Transfers	
	Prior period comparative	At 1 April				At 31 March
		2021	Income	Expenditure	funds	2022
		£	£	£	£	£022
	Restricted funds	~	~	~	~	~
	Paul Hamlyn Foundation:					
	Cornerstone	8,955	180,000	(103,213)	4,258	90,000
	BBC Children in Need:	2,000	,	(100,-10)	-,	,
	Lockleaze Kids	7,201	21,459	(28,853)	-	(193)
	Nisbet Charitable Trust:			, ,		,
	Phoenix	4,300	10,000	(12,661)	-	1,639
	Community Fund: Holding					
	On	5,041	-	(5,041)	-	-
	EU Creative Europe:					
	RAPPORT	4,507	20,000	(37,102)	12,595	-
	Bramble Trust: Young					
	Carers	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
	Quartet: Lockleaze YT	4,900	-	(4,900)	-	-
	Stop the Loan Sharks:					
	Lockleaze Stories	5,047	-	(5,047)	-	-
	Quartet: Young Carers	-	4,945	(2,307)	-	2,638
	Lottery: Sudanese Youth		0.005			0.005
	Theatre	-	9,995	(000)	-	9,995
	Sufia	-	4,000	(280)	-	3,720
	St Monica Trust	-	19,836 10,890	(13,985)	-	5,851
	Postcode Lottery: Pick n Mix WECA: Turn Up	-	9,982	(4,987) (10,067)	85	5,903
	Wellbeing café	_	3,000	(10,007)	-	3,000
	Other small grants (various)	2,000	3,000	(2,000)	_	5,000
	Other official grants (various)	2,000		(2,000)		
	Total restricted funds	43,951	294,107	(232,443)	16,938	122,553
	Unrestricted funds					
	Designated funds:					
	Premises repairs reserve	10,000	_	_	_	10,000
	Equipment reserve	13,937	_	(3,860)	2,152	12,229
	Thresholds	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
	Total designated funds	23,937	-	(3,860)	7,152	27,229
	General funds	89,980	160,016	(125,387)	(24,090)	100,519
	Total unrestricted funds	113,917	160,016	(129,247)	(16,938)	127,748
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	Total funds	157,868	454,123	(361,690)		250,301

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# 14. Movements in funds (continued) Purposes of restricted funds

Paul Hamlyn Foundation:

Cornerstone

Three year (2020 to 2023) support for engagement of diverse

communities in programme and workforce, plus sector

development.

BBC Children in Need:

Lockleaze Kids

Support for drama and theatre workshops with children aged 5 to

9 years in Lockleaze.

Nisbet Charitable Trust:

Phoenix

Phoenix Theatre, weekly drama and theatre workshops for vulnerable young adults aged 16 to 25 years, funded by Nisbet

Charitable Trust.

Quartet: Young Carers Weekly youth theatre for young carers, meeting online this year.

Lottery: Sudanese Youth

Theatre

Support for weekly drama and youth theatre workshops for

children from the Sudanese community of Bristol.

Sufia A free participatory arts programme by and for Sudanese people

living in Bristol. It includes; youth theatre, women's storytelling, men's drumming, creative arts intensives for young people, and Sudafest - a festival celebrating Sudanese culture and arts.

St Monica Trust Supports Making Time 2, a creative arts group for over 55's

including a home cooked hot meal.

WECA: Elevate Elevate, is a professional development scheme for practitioners

who face barriers and challenges to pursuing a career in theatre due to a number of different circumstances, whether that was down to social or familial barriers, or health and wellbeing

challenges.

Wellbeing café A safe and welcoming space for communities, reducing isolation

and making a positive impact on residents' mental health and

wellbeing.

Ragdoll: Forge Forge is a two-year (September 2022 to August 2024) theatre

training programme led by women, for women. Over two years we are introducing young women to a range of theatre skills, and then helping them specialise in either production or theatre

making.

Gamble Aware: The Long

Group

The Long Group is a creative support group for people in recovery from gambling harm. Set up as a partnership with Addiction Recovery for All, The Long Group is a supportive,

friendly environment supporting its members to live happy and

healthy lives.

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# 14. Movements in funds (continued) Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Quartet: Thriving Theatre Thriving Theatre originated from

Thriving Theatre originated from acta's 2021 Hard Evidence project, a partnership with the Biomedical Research Centre. The project looked into using creative methods to disseminate scientific findings, in this case the importance of using mindfulness for trauma to support survivors of domestic

violence.

The cast of Hard Evidence were keen to continue working creatively with acta, and worked to set up Thriving Theatre, a creative support group for survivors of domestic abuse,

beginning sessions in 2023.

Quartet: Core £10,000 for design and development of a new, accessible and

mobile friendly acta website.

WECA: Core Funding to providing training for the CPD (continual professional

develop) of the Director Oliver Jones.

Other small grants (various) Various smaller grants to support the local programme.

Prior period funds:

Postcode Lottery: Pick n Mix A weekly, creative arts group for over 55's, which includes a

home cooked hot meal.

Community Fund: Holding

On

Creative support for isolated older people (Making Time group)

through lockdown.

**EU Creative Europe:** 

**RAPPORT** 

A two year refugee integration partnership project during 2020 and 2021, bringing together local people from different

nationalities and sharing theatre across Europe.

Bramble Trust: Young

Carers

Weekly youth theatre for young carers, meeting online this year.

Quartet: Lockleaze YT A youth theatre for older children and young people in Lockleaze.

Stop the Loan Sharks:

Lockleaze Stories

A weekly community theatre company of adults in Lockleaze, creating a radio drama from their theatre show that raised

awareness of debt and loan sharks.

WECA: Turn Up Working with Muslim women and girls in St Pauls, Bristol. Using

audio technology, the group recorded their own podcast,

reflecting on issues relevant to them.

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# 14. Movements in funds (continued) Purposes of designated funds

Premises repairs reserve Funding designated for major repairs and upgrades to the

external and internal condition of the premises.

Equipment reserve Funding designated to ensure acta have the capacity to maintain

and upgrade technology without impacting on the day to day

running of the organisation.

Thresholds Donation to support current and future projects by acta.

#### **Transfers between funds**

Transfers to restricted funds are to cover the overspend on restricted projects.

#### 15. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

#### 16. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, comprising Key Arts Provider funding made by the local authority and National Portfolio Funding from the Arts Council to fund the programmes of acta Community Theatre Ltd. The total value of these grants is shown below. There were no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

phor your.			2023
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Arts Council England NPO Funding	_	81,472	81,472
Bristol City Council Key Arts Provider	_	20,400	20,400
•			
Total government grants		101,872	101,872
Prior year comparative			2022
•	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Arts Council England NPO Funding	_	81,472	81,472
Bristol City Council Key Arts Provider	_	20,400	20,400
National Lottery	9,995	-	9,995
West of England Combined Authority	9,982	-	9,982
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant		610	610
Total government grants	19,977	102,482	122,459