

Youth Music Centre

Charity No. 1077495

Company No. 03816808

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 July 2023

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. 03816808

Charity No. 1077495

Registered Office

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Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

A. Burch

I. Byrne Brito

A.P. Craig

J.C. Edwards

M.L. Hurwitz

T.E. Longstaff

A. Sharpe

S.C. Warner

Accountants

Pollock Accounting Ltd
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The charity's object and its principal activity is to provide a happy environment in which young people can come together to realise their musical potential. This is achieved through the provision of a Saturday morning music school, the Youth Music Centre, offering a variety of musical activities and classes ranging from musicianship, choir and instrumental tuition to orchestras and ensemble work.

The charity wishes to give opportunities to all young people irrespective of ability or financial situation, therefore entry is open to anyone who wants to take part and assisted places are provided where necessary.

The charity is so organised that its Council Members/Directors meet regularly with the Artistic Director, the Administrator and the Finance Assistant to offer their support in the running of the school and to oversee its financial management. Steps have been taken to allocate specific appropriate roles to Council Members/Trustees to ensure appropriate oversight in the interests of good governance.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity continues to recover from the effects of the pandemic , and in the last financial year has faced the additional challenge of the cost of living crisis.

The regular Saturday morning activities continue at Bigwood House, and successful, well attended concerts have taken place at the end of each term. The Concerto Prize Competition has also taken place, with a well-attended Prize Winners' concert (including a mini Masterclass) , giving the successful students the opportunity to perform in public as soloists with an orchestra of professional and semi-professional players

The decline in student numbers appears to have stabilised with encouraging signs now of growth. New initiatives in the teaching curriculum have contributed significantly to this. These include the opportunity for individual lessons for students and a new sight-reading skills class, which have proved to be popular. Steps are being taken to attract new students, and we closely monitor the trends, with particular reference to the termly income which this generates, against termly expenditure.

The Bursary Fund remains the focus of our fund raising activities, and the charitable donations which this generates are essential to YMC's ability to offer assisted places. We have been especially pleased to be able to use the funds raised to help students from families suffering financial hardship in the current financial climate. We now set an annual target to ensure the sums raised are adequate to meet the calls on the fund.

There have been donations this year from a number of organisations and foundations to which applications were made , as well as from individuals. The names of the donors are included on the Bursary Fund page of YMC's website <https://www.youthmusiccentre.uk/bursary-fund/>. YMC remains extremely grateful to the generosity of all these donors.

A Bursary sub-committee oversees our fund-raising activities, and reports to the Trustees/Board of Directors.

Our approaches to local schools and offers to do workshops in them to generate interest continues (a well-received performance took place at Kerem School). A termly newsletter, which provides an excellent means of disseminating information to everyone associated with YMC is sent out.

We wish to express our appreciation to the work undertaken by the Artistic Director, Marina Solarek. A number of her initiatives, including improving the profile of female composers, have been enthusiastically welcomed by students and staff. She has also worked tirelessly on behalf of the Bursary Fund, not just administering it , but also by providing a concert with her trio to raise funds.

She has been supported by the dedicated members of the teaching staff; they have also made innovative suggestions such as 'Bring a Friend Day'. Other activities include a teachers' concert.

Particular mention should also be made of the support staff, namely our Administrator Henry Hargreaves , and also Natasha Dedic (Finance Assistant).

The Trustees/Board of Directors receive regular and comprehensive financial reports. In the coming year, we plan to continue and consolidate the various activities by continuing to recruit more students, and by maintaining and expanding existing classes and the opportunities that we offer. However, we are also aware of the importance of being realistic when setting the budget for the following year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The statement of financial activities shows an excess of expenditure over income of £12,308 for the year to July 2023 . We are conscious that this is the third year in succession for which there has been a deficit. Our income has risen in each of these years, but so too have our outgoings. We continue to monitor this term by term. We set our annual budget for the next academic year at our May meetings, where we seek to set the fees at a level which is realistic but affordable. We also review expenditures, especially payments to staff, for which a long overdue increase was agreed for the current financial year, and which in part accounts for the loss. On the positive side, at our most recent meeting in November 2023, we noted a profit for the Autumn term 2023, and also a modest projected profit for the Spring and Summer terms 2024. These projections , based on a conservative estimate of student numbers, and applying the levels of expenditure set for the year, and give cause for optimism.

Taking this into account, together with the level of our reserves, our funds are at a level at which the directors feel is appropriate for the stability of the charity going forward.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The reduction in student numbers from previous years remains the principal risk. We are also monitoring whether the possible introduction of VAT on fees, should this taken place, would adversely impact on our finances. The risks, and responses to them, are reviewed at each meeting of YMC's council members. Subject to these matters, the directors are satisfied as to the continuing viability of the charity

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

[Stephen Warner](#)

S.C. Warner

Trustee

25 February 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Youth Music Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Youth Music Centre for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity 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 your charity's financial statements 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

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

David Pollock FCMA
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25 February 2024

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Youth Music Centre
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 July 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	72,410	15,879	88,289	84,248
Investments	5	109	-	109	6
Total		72,519	15,879	88,398	84,254
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	-	-	-	450
Other	7	85,825	14,881	100,706	91,985
Total		85,825	14,881	100,706	92,435
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net expenditure	8	(13,306)	998	(12,308)	(8,181)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)		(13,306)	998	(12,308)	(8,181)
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		(13,306)	998	(12,308)	(8,181)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		33,709	17,424	51,133	59,314
Total funds carried forward		20,403	18,422	38,825	51,133

Youth Music Centre
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income	88,289	84,248
Interest and investment income	109	6
Gross income for the year	<u>88,398</u>	<u>84,254</u>
Expenditure	100,549	92,275
Depreciation and charges for impairment of fixed assets	157	160
Total expenditure for the year	<u>100,706</u>	<u>92,435</u>
Net expenditure before tax for the year	<u>(12,308)</u>	<u>(8,181)</u>
Net expenditure for the year	<u><u>(12,308)</u></u>	<u><u>(8,181)</u></u>

Youth Music Centre
Balance Sheet
at 31 July 2023

Company No. 03816808	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	474	483
		<u>474</u>	<u>483</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,429	2,085
Cash at bank and in hand		39,480	52,660
		<u>41,909</u>	<u>54,745</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	12	(3,558)	(4,095)
Net current assets		<u>38,351</u>	<u>50,650</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>38,825</u>	<u>51,133</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>38,825</u>	<u>51,133</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>38,825</u></u>	<u><u>51,133</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	13		
Restricted income funds		18,422	17,424
		<u>18,422</u>	<u>17,424</u>
Unrestricted funds	13		
General funds		20,403	33,709
		<u>20,403</u>	<u>33,709</u>
Reserves	13		
Total funds		<u><u>38,825</u></u>	<u><u>51,133</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 July 2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 20 February 2024

And signed on its behalf by:

S.C. Warner
Trustee
20 February 2024

for the year ended 31 July 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
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Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
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Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.
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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Equipment	25% Reducing balance
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Trade and other 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.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other 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.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	63,037	21,211	84,248
Investments	6	-	6
Total	63,043	21,211	84,254
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	450	-	450
Other	70,774	21,211	91,985
Total	71,224	21,211	92,435
Net income	(8,181)	-	(8,181)
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(8,181)	-	(8,181)
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	(8,181)	-	(8,181)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	41,890	17,424	59,314
Total funds carried forward	33,709	17,424	51,133

4 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Tuition fees	71,662	15,879	87,541	62,782
Bursary funding	748	-	748	21,211
Donations	-	-	-	255
	<u>72,410</u>	<u>15,879</u>	<u>88,289</u>	<u>84,248</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Interest received	109	109	6
	<u>109</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>6</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>		
Tuition fees	-	450
	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>

7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fees paid to staff	48,866	14,881	63,747	52,901
Premises costs	13,295	-	13,295	13,094
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	157	-	157	160
General administrative costs	21,317	-	21,317	23,910
Legal and professional costs	2,190	-	2,190	1,920
	<u>85,825</u>	<u>14,881</u>	<u>100,706</u>	<u>91,985</u>

8 Net expenditure before transfers

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	157	160

9 Staff costs

	2023	2022
Fees paid to staff	63,483	52,901
	<u>63,483</u>	<u>52,901</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 August 2022	7,775	7,775
Additions	148	148
At 31 July 2023	<u>7,923</u>	<u>7,923</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 August 2022	7,292	7,292
Depreciation charge for the year	157	157
At 31 July 2023	<u>7,449</u>	<u>7,449</u>
Net book values		
At 31 July 2023	<u>474</u>	<u>474</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>483</u>	<u>483</u>

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,429	2,085
	<u>2,429</u>	<u>2,085</u>

12 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,421	1,958
Accruals	2,137	2,137
	<u>3,558</u>	<u>4,095</u>

13 Movement in funds

	At 1 August 2022	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 July 2023 £
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
Bursaries	17,424	15,879	(14,881)	18,422
<i>Total</i>	<u>17,424</u>	<u>15,879</u>	<u>(14,881)</u>	<u>18,422</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	33,709	72,519	(85,825)	20,403
Total funds	<u><u>51,133</u></u>	<u><u>88,398</u></u>	<u><u>(100,706)</u></u>	<u><u>38,825</u></u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Bursaries This fund is there to give the charity the ability to offer assisted places.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	474	474
Net current assets	38,351	38,351
	<u>38,825</u>	<u>38,825</u>

15 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 August 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 July 2023 £
Cash and cash equivalents	52,660	(13,180)	39,480
	<u>52,660</u>	<u>(13,180)</u>	<u>39,480</u>
Net debt	<u>52,660</u>	<u>(13,180)</u>	<u>39,480</u>

16 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

Youth Music Centre
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 July 2023

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Tuition fees	71,662	15,879	87,541	62,782
Bursary funding	748	-	748	21,211
Donations	-	-	-	255
	<u>72,410</u>	<u>15,879</u>	<u>88,289</u>	<u>84,248</u>
Investments				
Interest received	109	-	109	6
	<u>109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>6</u>
Total income and endowments	72,519	15,879	88,398	84,254
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies				
Tuition fees	-	-	-	450
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	450
Staff costs				
Fees paid to staff	48,602	14,881	63,483	52,901
Staff training	264	-	264	-
	<u>48,866</u>	<u>14,881</u>	<u>63,747</u>	<u>52,901</u>
Premises costs				
Rent	13,295	-	13,295	13,094
	<u>13,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,295</u>	<u>13,094</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Depreciation of Equipment	157	-	157	160
Bank charges	60	-	60	101
Administrators fees	18,520	-	18,520	21,723
Advertising and sales promotion	-	-	-	930
General insurances	647	-	647	-
Information and publications	395	-	395	530
Software, IT support and related costs	806	-	806	295
Stationery and printing	690	-	690	271
Sundry expenses	39	-	39	-
Telephone, fax and broadband	160	-	160	60
	<u>21,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,474</u>	<u>24,070</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Legal and professional costs				
Audit/Independent examination fees	2,190	-	2,190	1,920
	<u>2,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,190</u>	<u>1,920</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>85,825</u>	<u>14,881</u>	<u>100,706</u>	<u>91,985</u>
Total expenditure	85,825	14,881	100,706	92,435
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
	<u>(13,306)</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>(12,308)</u>	<u>(8,181)</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(13,306)</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>(12,308)</u>	<u>(8,181)</u>
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)	(13,306)	998	(12,308)	(8,181)
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
	<u>(13,306)</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>(12,308)</u>	<u>(8,181)</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>(13,306)</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>(12,308)</u>	<u>(8,181)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	33,709	17,424	51,133	59,314
Total funds carried forward	<u>20,403</u>	<u>18,422</u>	<u>38,825</u>	<u>51,133</u>